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W-LEAGUE KICKS OFF THIS WEEKEND

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Mulching in Melbourne

Zee Ko

Black Cats

Talk about unfortunate timing.

The media circus descended on Melbourne Heart this week as Harry Kewell looked set to return to action. While crosstown rivals Victory took a breather after a torrid few weeks under the media glare, Heart's captain fronted a sizeable press pack in Bulleen on Wednesday morning.

"Fitness wise, I'm okay," Kewell said. "We just had to take things steady but I'm 100%."

An hour later, long after the hordes of cameras had left their Trinity Grammar training ground, the inevitable happened. Two minutes before the end of the training session, the former Australian star twisted his right ankle and was ruled out for the next two weeks. No surprise then that Heart's Thursday morning press conference saw an even larger press turnout, as coach John Aloisi was deluged with questions about Kewell. Heart fans will recall all too well the events of last season and the misadventures that befell Vince Grella on his return to Australian shores, and the fact remains that Kewell has only managed one game out of four this season for his new team.

Melbourne Heart fans will have to wait a little longer before they see captain Harry Kewell strut his stuff in some long awaited action. Oh well, at least you've got a GW souvenir poster to keep you company in the meantime. Photo: LIVE PIXEL

It's definitely not ideal preparation for Aloisi as the team looks to bounce back from consecutive losses on the road. The 3-0 score line against Brisbane flattered the hosts and Heart were perhaps unlucky to lose the game, but as anyone in football can tell you, it's all about results. High flying Western Sydney will not go down easily and Heart will need an even better performance to topple the Wanderers at AAMI Park.

Melbourne Victory meanwhile are happy to stay out of the limelight. The 3-2 win over Wellington Phoenix has given new head coach Kevin Muscat some breathing space, despite a flat second half performance that almost saw Ernie Merrick pull off a comeback effort against his former employers.

The first 30 minutes or so was exhilarating if you were a Victory fan, the forward trio of Archie Thompson, Mitchell Nichols and James Troisi slicing through the Wellington defence at will and smashing in three goals in quick succession. It was scintillating fast-paced football, something which new Socceroos boss Ange Postecoglou had been envisioning when he signed the latter two in pre-season. Then Nichols went off injured and the wheels didn't so much puncture as fall off.

It will be a worry for Muscat how unimaginative and sluggish his players looked in the second half, as they crawled over the line despite an 84th minute Paul Ifill goal. Time might have run out on Merrick and the Nix, but other opponents might not be as forgiving as the season progresses. Muscat's 100% record is still intact, but only just. Much improvement is needed ahead of the trip to Sydney on Saturday.

One player who is definitely banging on the door is the explosive Andrew Nabbout. The bustling winger has scored consecutive braces against National Youth League (NYL) opposition and it was the AIS who were put to the sword last time out as they fell 4-1 at Lakeside Stadium. Most of you will remember his meteoric rise to fame last season, and he will definitely have good memories from that night at Allianz Stadium when his two goals sealed a come-from-behind win over a rampant Sydney outfit. The stage is set for a repeat performance, if Muscat sees fit to give him a seat on the plane over this weekend.

Also flying high are the boys from Melbourne Heart's youth team. They might not play at home till Round 7, but Heart's young guns are showing no ill effects as they maintained their perfect start to the season with a 1-2 win in Brisbane. Benjamin Garuccio was the man of the hour for the Red and White as they completed a comeback win against a gutsy Roar side. Next up is the Melbourne Youth Derby at Lakeside Stadium on Sunday, and you can expect a decent turnout as both teams will want the early bragging rights.

Last but not least, it's the moment women's football fans have been waiting for. The W-League kicks off this weekend and first up for Melbourne fans is the Grand Final replay on Sunday. It's a double header for Melbourne Victory as they welcome champions Sydney FC to Lakeside Stadium ahead of the NYL game. There are scores to settle from last season, but Victory have a new weapon up their sleeve and are unafraid to use it.

Lisa De Vanna looked a class above everyone else during last weekend's friendly draw against the WPL All-Stars and despite not getting on the scoresheet, there is no doubt at all that she will prove more than a handful for the Sydney defence. Watch out too for young starlet Emily Hulbert who is a bolter to figure at some stage for Victory in Round 1. The central midfielder is only 17, but could be following in the footsteps of Nabbout and Connor Pain if coach David Edmondson decides to throw her in at the deep end on the weekend. Watch this space.

SFC's Brogan prepares for W-League Season

By Peter McAlpine

This year is shaping up as a big year in the W- League, the women's domestic competition in Australia. The competition has eight teams- Newcastle Jets, Brisbane Roar, Western Sydney Wanderers, Canberra United, Melbourne Victory, Perth Glory, Adelaide United and last year's champions, Sydney FC.

Sydney FC are known as the 'Sky Blues'. Their captain is Dani Brogan and is seen as a senior player of this tight, youthful outfit. Ironically, she's only 25 herself. However this is enough to be named as leader of the group.

Dani says it's a little hard sometimes as she forgets how young the players are. A number of them have been playing at the elite level for years. This includes Matilda's Ellyse Perry and Caitlin Foord.

"Sometimes have to just take a step back and remember how young they are."

Intially, Dani is looking forward to getting back on the field. She's been out for twelve months with an injury. She tore her ACL in her right knee 12 months ago. Dani had to have a knee reconstruction. After getting back to full fitness over the next few weeks she is hopeful of "leading all these guys to another championship." 12 months has been a really long time to be sitting watching on the sideline.

"I can't wait to get the boots back on."

The 12 months also bought a holt to Dani's international career as a Matilda. Her last matches for Australia were against the United States. Playing the American was hard even after Dani has been watching them for years.

"I never really knew how extreme Abby Wambach was and having to mark her…" She sees the Americans as phenomenal athletes. Dani finds the way they play the game is amazing and "is something that we have inspired to." She says to be able to play in front of 20,000 people on the American's home soil was "an experience I will remember forever."

Despite playing defence, Dani says these days you have to learn to play everywhere. Sydney emphasize good communication between their players, particularly with the goalkeepers and the rest of the team.

"Hopefully they are the ones who are guiding you on the field as well. So you generally have to watch what's going on as well in front and help the players in front of you because obviously we can almost hear the same thing so there's a lot of work to do."

Dani says it is the hardest hardest pre- season she's been involved in with different teams, like the Matildas being abroad. But she feels this is the best Sydney have looked in a pre- season. However she optimistically cautious

"None of that obviously counts unless you perform at the games that matters. But I've got a pretty good feeling about this year."

Garriock Announced as Wanderers Captain

Western Sydney Wanderers Westfield W-League coach Steve Roche has named Heather Garriock as the Club Captain for the 2013/14 season.

One of Australia's most decorated players, Garriock will wear the Captain's armband in her first season playing with the Wanderers.

"It's a massive honour to captain the Wanderers in my first season playing for the Club," said Garriock.

"Being the captain of any side is a big honour and to do it with the Wanderers I'm very, very flattered."

Boasting over 100 caps for the Matildas, Garriock was born and raised in Western Sydney and believes she is a perfect fit for the club.

"I grew up in Campbelltown, spent most of my life living there and I'm very proud to be from Western Sydney," continued Garriock.

"I always get stick about it in the National Team but it's where I'm from, where I grew up and it's made me the player I am.

"Growing up around here we didn't get given things on a platter, you need to work hard and fight for your position – I'm really glad to be playing for Western Sydney."

With this being her first season back since having a child, Garriock believes that her life experiences in her year away from football will make her a valuable asset to the Club and to her new teammates.

"My perspective on football has changed since having a family recently, I'm calmer than I used to be and know I'm a role model to the younger girls," said Garriock.

"People think being captain is a big job whereas if you incorporate the rest of the players and get them to help you lead that's the most important thing rather than putting the onus on one or two people.

Western Sydney Wanderers kick-off their Westfield W-League 2013/14 season against Adelaide United on Sunday 10 November at Marconi Stadium. Kick-off is 2pm followed the Foxtel National Youth League team playing Brisbane Roar at 4:10pm.

W-League Rd 1

Saturday 9 November
Newcastle Jets v Perth Glory
Wanderers Oval KO 3:00 PM

Saturday 9 November
Brisbane Roar v Canberra United
AJ Kelly Fields KO 4:00 PM

Sunday 10 November
Wanderers v Adelaide United
Marconi Stadium KO 2:00 PM

Sunday 10 November
Melbourne Victory v Sydney FC
Lakesie Stadium
KO 3:00 PM
Match telecast LIVE on ABC-TV

Sydney FC's Dani Brogan makes her long awaited return to action in this weekend's opening round.

Postecoglou names first Socceroo squad

Socceroos Head Coach Ange Postecoglou has unveiled a 22-player squad for the international friendly match against Costa Rica at Allianz Stadium in Sydney on Tuesday 19 November 2013 (Kick-off 7:30pm AEDT) as the Socceroos continue along the road to Brazil.

Korean-based Defender Alex Wilkinson gets his first call-up to the Socceroos squad after an outstanding season with Jeonbuk Hyundai in the K-League.

Luke Wilkshire, David Carney and Sasa Ognenovski are omitted for the Costa Rica friendly.

The other players to miss out from the previous squad, which was Holger Osieck's last as Australia's national team coach, are Jackson Irvine, Nikita Rukavytsya and Brett Holman.

Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors defender Alex Wilkinson could earn his first senior cap, while Adelaide's Michael Zullo and Ivan Franjic of Brisbane Roar are the other fringe players to be included for the 2014 World Cup warm-up clash in Sydney on November 19.

Franjic, who won two titles under Postecoglou at Suncorp Stadium, has been in outstanding form for his club early in the 2013-14 season. His club team-mate Matt McKay and Melbourne Victory's Mark Milligan are the other A-League players selected.

The announcement of the squad has been tempered by the fact that Australia's greatest ever goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer announced his retirement from international football, after he was originally selected in the squad.

Schwarzer retires as the most capped Socceroo player in history, representing Australia with pride in 109 appearances for the National Team, which included two FIFA World Cups.

Postecoglou paid tribute to Schwarzer: "Mark has been a tremendous servant for the National team. He is our most capped Socceroo, has been one of our best performers over a long period of time and he has always remained passionate about playing for Australia. I know the Australian football community will join me in paying tribute to Mark for everything he's done for the Socceroos."

Schwarzer call is it a day for the Socceroos

The 22-man squad contains four Hyundai A-League players, Ivan Franjic (Brisbane Roar), Matt McKay (Brisbane Roar), Mark Milligan (Melbourne Victory) and Michael Zullo (Adelaide United).

Ryan McGowan returns to the Socceroos squad after missing the previous matches against France and Canada as does Tom Rogic, who was ruled out of last month's matches due to injury.

"I'm excited by the squad we have named to face Costa Rica on November 19 at Allianz Stadium and look forward to working with the players and staff when they come into camp early next week," Postecoglou said.

"The first task is to have a good look at the bulk of the players who played a significant part in qualifying Australia for the 2014 World Cup and also giving opportunities to players I think have the ability to improve the team.

"I want to give every Australian player the best opportunity to stake a claim for Brazil and beyond."

This will be the first international match between Australia and Costa Rica at senior men's international level.

Costa Rica, who are currently placed at 31 in the FIFA World Rankings, have also qualified for the 2014 FIFA World Cup after finishing in second place of the CONCACAF qualifiers.

Ange's Maiden Socceroo Squad

Goalkeepers: Mitchell Langerak (Borussia Dortmund), Mat Ryan (Club Brugge KV)

Defenders: Jason Davidson (SC Heracles Almelo), Ryan McGowan (Shandong Luneng), Lucas Neill (Omiya Ardija), Rhys Williams (Middlesbrough FC), Alex Wilkinson (Jeonbuk Hyundai), Michael Zullo (Adelaide United)

Midfielders: Oliver Bozanic (FC Luzern), Mark Bresciano (Al Gharafa), Ivan Franjic (Brisbane Roar), James Holland (FK Austria Vienna), Mile Jedinak (Crystal Palace FC), Matthew McKay (Brisbane Roar), Mark Milligan (Melbourne Victory), Tom Rogic (Celtic FC), Dario Vidosic (FC Sion)

Forwards: Tim Cahill (New York Red Bulls), Josh Kennedy (Nagoya Grampus), Robbie Kruse (TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen), Mathew Leckie (FSV Frankfurt), Tommy Oar (FC Utrecht)

Bold Ange Holds No Fear

By Tom Chieftain

Holman, Wilkshire, Carney, Thompson, Ognenovski out. Neill remains.
Schwarzer retires. Did he have a dummy spit? All good decisions so far.

The much anticipated first squad by Ange Postecoglou mostly confirmed the one key reality that blocked Holger Osieck's attempts to rejuvenate the squad: the cupboard is bare.

While on face value Ange has been bolder with selections like Bozanic, Franjic and Wilkinson, he's not dealing with crucial World Cup qualifiers. Still, the signs are good, especially the theme among the discards of them being from lowly clubs in the Middle East or simply players passed their expiration date. Only Mark Bresciano survives as a player from the Middle East, and that's most likely experience. Likewise Lucas Neill, the much maligned target of the fans'

furore at the plodding status of the team, experience is vital. He's become the target of a bigger problem, not the problem himself. There's still none coming through to push him out and with Ognenovski gone and Ange looking to try other options at right-back - preferably an actual defender, not a midfielder a likely Wilkshire - some experience will be needed. As the new players are integrated, Neill can be eased out or even moved to right-back. Players like Archie Thompson and David Carney, they simply are passed their expiration and are squad players at best. Surely these are the spots to be reserved for integrating the emerging players.

Out: Luke Wilkshire

In: Ivan Franjic

The major shock with the squad was Mark Schwarzer retiring from the team upon the announcement. It's a very dubious way for such a most venerated player to leave the team, especially after all his comments of wanting Brazil to be his swansong. It reeks of a dummy spit after he didn't play in the recent matches against Canada and France, and Ange has not guaranteed Schwarzer would return as number one choice - and rightfully so

- under Ange's regime. Even as second or third choice, his experience would be invaluable, not to mention the spirit of the team coming before the individual. Some of this individualism was exposed prior to the 2010 World Cup, as evidenced by the saga of Tim Cahill ejected from a Sydney bar and then an anonymous player emailing a Sydney newspaper to complain about prima donnas within the team, and the drama over Harry Kewell "will he or won't he" play at the Cup itself. Cahill still shows spurts of petulance, while Neill did himself no favours recently with some of his comments. Ange's first challenge is restoring the Australian pride and fighting mentality into this team, which he wonderfully exudes himself.

Then there's matters like ending this "no striker" system of playing Cahill as a striker. He's not a striker. His goal-rate has dried up since this move. He's most dangerous as a lurking midfielder. Put him there.

Ange seems on foot with this notion of playing players in their right positions. Again, good decisions so far.

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Match Details

Socceroos vs Costa Rica
Tuesday 19 November 2013
Allianz Stadium, Sydney
Kick Off: 7.30pm
Gates Open: 6.00pm

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Short Passes

Kewell sidelined with twisted ankle

Melbourne Heart FC captain Harry Kewell is likely miss two matches after twisting his right ankle at training on Wednesday.

Kewell was set to return against Western Sydney Wanderers on Friday night at AAMI Park.

Kewell fronted the media this morning after a full week of training and spoke of his eagerness at returning against the Wanderers after recovering from injury and regaining full fitness.

Kewell fell awkwardly on this right ankle during training and this afternoon underwent scans which confirmed there was no structural damage, but the injury was still severe enough to rule him out for at least 14 days.

Westfield W-League kicks off with added coverage and international flavour

ABC TV will again continue to broadcast the Westfield W-League as they have done since the competition's inception, with live matches returning to Australian screens each Sunday at 3pm.

For the first time Fox Sports will also broadcast two Westfield W-League matches during the season. These matches will be part of W-League / A-League doubleheaders, another feature of the new season. the following two Westfield W-League matches as they form part of Hyundai A-League/Westfield W-League double headers:

- Sunday 15 December, Sydney FC v Melbourne Victory 2.15pm, Allianz Stadium
- Friday 24 January: Brisbane Roar v Western Sydney Wanderers, 4pm, Suncorp Stadium

The season will conclude with the Grand Final on Sunday 23 February.

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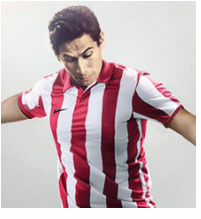
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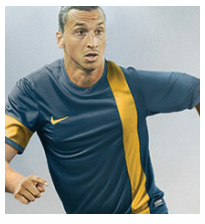
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Neymar

Thiago Silva

SCOREBOARD

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Brisbane Roar	4	3	0	1	9	2	7	9
2 Western Sydney Wanderers	4	2	2	0	6	3	3	8
3 Melbourne Victory	4	2	2	0	6	4	2	8
4 Perth Glory	4	2	1	1	3	3	0	7
5 Central Coast Mariners	4	1	3	0	6	5	1	6
6 Adelaide United	4	1	1	2	6	6	0	4
7 Newcastle Jets	4	0	3	1	2	4	-2	3
8 Sydney FC	4	1	0	3	2	7	-5	3
9 Wellington Phoenix	4	0	2	2	4	6	-2	2
10 Melbourne Heart	4	0	2	2	2	6	-4	2

THIS WEEK

Round 5	Fixture	Venue	Local	AEDT
Fri Nov 8	Melbourne Heart v West Sydney Wanderers	AAMI Park	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Sat Nov 9	Wellington Phoenix v Perth Glory	AMI Stadium, Christchurch	5:30 PM	3:30 PM
Sat Nov 9	Adelaide United v Newcastle Jets	Hindmarsh Stadium	5:00 PM	5:30 PM
Sat Nov 9	Sydney FC v Melbourne Victory	Allianz Stadium	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Sun Nov 10	Central Coast Mariners v Brisbane Roar	Bluetongue Stadium	5:00 PM	5:00 PM

NEXT WEEK

Round 6	Fixture	Venue	Local	AEDT
Fri Nov 15	Melbourne Heart v Sydney FC	AAMI Park	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Sat Nov 16	Perth Glory v Adelaide United	nib Stadium	2:30 PM	5:30 PM
Sat Nov 16	West Sydney Wanderers v Melbourne Victory	Parramatta Stadium	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Sun Nov 17	Newcastle Jets v Brisbane Roar	Hunter Stadium	5:00 PM	5:00 PM
Thu Dec 19	Central Coast Mariners v Wellington Phoenix	North Sydney Oval	7:30 PM	7:30 PM

ROUND FOUR

Western Sydney Wanderers 2
(Juric 60, 80)
Adelaide United 1 (
Carrusca 54)
Crowd: 16,279 @ Pirtek Stadium

Perth Glory 1
(McGarry 9 pen)
Sydney 0
Crowd: 10,613 at nib Stadium

Newcastle Jets 2
(Neville 51, Pasfield 57og)
Central Coast Mariners 2
(Flores 64pen, Sterjovski 80)
Crowd 13,744 at Hunter Stadium

Brisbane Roar 3
(Henrique 48, 65, Smith 77)
Melbourne Heart 0
Crowd: 15,011 @ Suncorp Stadium

Melbourne Victory 3
(Thompson 9, Troisi 22, 31)
Wellington Phoenix 1
(Brockie 37, Ifill 85)
Crowd: 23,226

TOP GOAL SCORERS

03
Jeronimo Naumann (Adelaide Utd)
Marcos Flores (Mariners)
Tomi Juric (Wanderers)
James Troisi (Victory)

02
David Williams (Heart)
Henrique (Roar

01
Alessandro Del Piero (SFC)
Mitchell Duke (Mariners)
Stein Huysegems (Phoenix)
Besart Berisha (Roar)
Ivan Franjic (Roar)
Fabio Ferriera (Adelaide)
Ryo Nagai (Glory)
Shinji Ono (Wanderers)
Fitzgerald (Mariners)
Jamie Maclaren (Glory)

Sharp shooter: James Troisi has settled well in Melbourne and wasted no time in finding his shooting boots.

A-LEAGUE TEAM OF THE WEEK Round 4

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Compiled by Steven Talevski

On the Double: Jerome Polenz

There was a showcase of talent this week as a number of Australian players put their hand up for a call up to the Socceroos.
The round saw 16 goals and crowds in double digits in each stadium as a flourish of attacking players had great games that saw seen Goal! Weekly's team of the week have attacking taste to its line-up.
Here is our team of the week:

GK: Danny Vukovic – The inform goalkeeper of the A-League had a blinder of a game against Sydney FC. Vukovic tallied eight saves that were on target for the Sky Blues as he kept a clean sheet and helped the Glory to their second straight win.

RB: Scott Neville – The Newcastle fullback was the unlikely player to break the Jets goal draught as he slotted home the game's first goal. Neville was also good on the defensive front for the Jets, and was not at fault for the two late goals they conceded.

CB: Matt Smith – Brisbane's captain was under pressure in the first half, but managed to get out of there with a clean sheet. Smith led the team by example and helped the Roar to a three nil victory that saw him on the score sheet for the second time this season.

CB: Michael Thwaite – Thwaite was fantastic in defence for the Glory, stopping the Sydney FC attacks that just kept coming to help the Glory to a clean sheet.

RB: Adama Traore – The Ivorian born defender was one of Melbourne's best again as he controlled the right flank for most of the match. Traore looked comfortable defending the Phoenix attack while also chipping in with an assist.

CM: Carlos Hernandez – The Costa Rican returned to Melbourne in Phoenix colours and showed the Victory fans why they use to chant his name in the stands. Hernandez was the linchpin of the majority of Wellington attacks and played a sublime ball to Jeremy Brockie who found the back of the net.

CM: Marco Flores – Flores continues to impress in Mariners colours as he helped them come back from two goals down to earn a point. After being forced to re-take a penalty, Flores slotted the ball comfortably home.

RAM: Marcelo Carrusca – A member of Adelaide's Latin contingent, Carrusca was outstanding in trying to break apart the Wanderers defence. Carrusca scored the Reds sole goal in their 2-1 loss to Western Sydney, as they continue to improve under Gombau.

LAM: James Troisi – The on-loan Victory attacker netted two goals in an impressive attacking performance that has well and truly put him in contention for a Socceroos call up. Wellington's high line of defence struggled to control the attacker who seemed to continuously slide through their gaps.

ST: Tomi Juric – Playing against his old side, Juric was the difference between the two sides as he found the back of the net twice late in the match to help the Wanderers overcome the travelling Reds.

ST: Henrique – The Brazilian played the first half in midfield before playing in a more traditional attacking role in the second half. Henrique netted twice in the second half after splitting the Heart defence apart as the Roar won by an overwhelming three nil score-line.

Coach: Graham Arnold – The Mariners may have only picked up a draw this week, but Arnold mastered his substitutions that saw them come back from the two goal deficit. Arnold threw on both Mile Sterjovski and Matt Simon after conceding the shocking second goal with the former scoring a well-deserved equaliser.

Star Man: Tomi Juric – Two goals against his old side has seen the youngster emerge as a real contender for a spot to Brazil with the Socceroos next year. Juric's first goal was sweetly taken, surprising Reds goalkeeper Eugene Galekovic before slamming in a header from a Jerome Polenz cross.

Photos: GEORGE MARIN

Friday Night Double Delight For Polenz

Western Sydney

2

Adelaide United

1

Match Details

Western Sydney Wanderers 2
(Juric 60, 80)
Adelaide United 1
(Carrusca 54)
Crowd: 16,279
At Pirtek Stadium

Wanderers: 1 Ante Covic, 3 Adam D'Apuzzo, 6 Jerome Polenz, 5 Michael Beauchamp, 4 Nikolai Topor-Stanley, 10 Aaron Mooy, 18 Iacopo La Rocca, 11 Brendon Santalab (12 Tahj Minniecon), 19 Mark Bridge, 21 Shinji Ono (7 Labinot Haliti), 9 Tomi Juric.

Yellow Cards: Polenz, Mooy, Santalab, Bridge, Juric.

Red cards: None

Adelaide Utd: 1 Eugene Galekovic, 3 Nigel Boogaard, 4 Jonathan McKain, 21 Tarek Elrich (Yellow), 18 Michael Zullo, 10 Marcelo Carrusca (17 Awer Mabil), 8 Isaías, 5 Osama Malik, 22 Fabio Ferreira, 9 Sergio Cirio, 7 Jeronimo Neumann (13 Steven Lustica)

Yellow Cards: Elrich, Neumann.

Red Crads: None

By Sam Zaeie

This turned out to be everything viewers probably hoped for and a turn around that hardly any one could have predicted.

Despite going a goal down late in the game, the fans were singing their hearts out cheering their team on to stay positive, focused and determined and their determination paid off.

Jeronimo was the first to be booked for the Reds with a lunge at Topor Stanley in the middle of the field in the 17th minute.

Couple of minutes later it was former United forward Tomi Juric who received a fantastic overhead pass from midfield to take a powerful shot on target only to see his shot blocked by Galekovic. After failing to clear the ball, Santalab was able to take a strike, but it just went wide of the past to the disappointment of the home fans.

Another three minutes later it was Western Sydney on the attack again with Shinji Ono delivering a free kick, clearly aiming for the target man Topor Stanley, but Topor could not connect as he wanted leaving the ball to come close to the right hand post, which only required a somewhat small tap in that La Rocca only just missed. Popovic's reaction gave away how good of a chance it actually was.

The teams went into the first half with three bookings and no goals, but most possession and opportunities with Western Sydney.

It took 54 minutes for the deadlock to be broken with Carrusca connecting only just with Jeronimo's shot, hitting his knee, to put off keeper Ante Covic and to give the reds the lead.

Bt the look of things, it actually seemed like that was probably what Western Sydney needed, to be a goal down just give them that strength to go all the way.

Six minutes later Tomi Juric took a small run after receiving a pass from Bridge, which saw him cut across Tarik Elrich, the former Wanderers defender and take a sweet shot hard, low and precise into the bottom corner, leaving no chance for the keeper to reach it.

Many at this point were wondering will Juric celebrate after scoring his former team and boy did he.

From there it looked like Western Sydney were going for the winner, not content with a mere draw.

Aaron Mooy took a great right footed shot, similar to Juric's low, hard and aiming for the bottom corner, but only just went wide of the mark.

A couple of other opportunities arose for Bridge who just missed an incredible cross from substitute Tahj and Shinji who got a golden pass low in the box but sent it well over the goals.

Finally the moment came in the 80th minute when once again Tomi Juric headed a cross from defender Polenz in the box, beating Elrich who was marking him for the second time. Did he celebrate again? Well, how could he not have celebrated? Not only did he just potentially score the winner from being down late in the game, it was against his former club and he beat the former Wanderer defender twice to see two beautiful goals. His celebration saw him go to the Red and Black Block to celebrate with the fans, the cheering fans knowing that their positive fighting attitude had paid off.

With now more goals than former forward Dino Kresinger, who was unsurprisingly let go from the club after one season, into only his fourth game, this young man is proving to be a decent fit for the team who was missing that target man. To many fans commenting on facebook following the game, he was by far the stand out player, even though all had played a great game.

Despite a couple of fowls from Polenz and Elrich that many commented should have seen them sent off no red cards were shown and Wanderers were able to please their fans with the first home win of the season. Should the reds have learned from their errors in their last two fixtures against the red and black? A lot will think so, but this time it was not to be, we will have to wait for the next fixture at their home to see them get their long awaited revenge. This makes it even more exciting now!

Game on! Jerome Polenz (out of picture) strikes a beauty to pierce the stubborn Adelaide United defence and make it 1-1.

Match Stats		
18	Tackles	19
15	Total Shots	13
281	Total Passes	573
33.9%	Possession	66.1%
4	Corners	1
7	Offsides	0
20	Fouls committed	10

Man of the Match
Tomi Juric (Wanderers)

1-0: Carrusca gets the important touch to help the ball past a stranded Ante Covic.

Adelaide players celebrate taking a shock lead, before the RBB raised its voice.

Two-goal hero Jerome Polenz completes the turn-around for the Wanderers.

Photos: PETER NEVILLE

Mariners rally to disappoint Jets

Newcastle Jets 2

Central Coast 2

Match Details

Newcastle Jets 2
(Neville 51', Sainsbury (Og) 56')
Central Coast Mariners 2
(Flores (Pen) 65', Sterjovski 80')
Hunter Stadium, Newcastle
Attendance: 13,744
Referee: Kris Griffiths-Jones

Central Coast Mariners: 1. Justin Pasfield (Gk), 3. Joshua Rose, 5. Zachary Anderson, 7. John Hutchinson (C), 8. Nick Montgomery (21. Mile Sterjovski 59'), 9. Mitchell Duke, 10. Marcos Flores, 11. Nick Fitzgerald (19. Matt Simon 59'), 14. Michael Mcglinchey, 15. Storm Roux, 16. Trent Sainsbury
Substitutes Not Used: 4. MarCel Seip, 6. Brent Griffiths, 12. Liam Reddy (Gk)
Yellow Cards: Montgomery, Simon
Red Cards: Nil

Newcastle Jets: 1. Mark Birighitti (Gk), 2. Scott Neville (16. Jacob Pepper 64'), 4. Kew Jaliens, 5. Ben Kantarovski, 7. Andrew Hoole (18. James Brown 83'), 8. Ruben Zadkovich (C) (19. Michael Bridges 87'), 10. Nathan Burns, 12. Connor Chapman, 15. Joshua Brillante, 21. Sam Gallaway, 22. Adam Taggart
Substitutes Not Used: 11. Craig Goodwin, 20. Ben Kennedy (Gk)
Yellow Cards: Kantarovski, Hoole, Taggart, BirighiTti
Red Cards: Nil

By Ben O'Neill

Central Coast's trademark fighting spirit was on display in Newcastle on Saturday, with the Mariners clawing their way back from two goals down to earn a valuable Hyundai A-League point from an epic F3 Derby encounter against the Jets.

A close range Scott Neville strike in the 51st minute combined with a disappointing own goal by the Mariners five minutes later had Gary van Egmond's charges up 2-0 midway through the second stanza.

However Graham Arnold's men rallied, with Marcos Flores converting a penalty in the 65th minute to commence the comeback, while former Socceroo Mile Sterjovski lashed home the leveller with ten minutes remaining to ensure the reigning Hyundai A-League Champions travelled back down the M1 with their undefeated 2013/14 record intact.

While there was plenty of passion and endeavour on display from both sides in the opening 45 minutes of the contest, neither outfit went especially close to breaking the deadlock in the first half.

Andrew Hoole was looking the most likely outlet for a Jets goal in the opening period, and he pushed efforts high and wide of the woodwork in the 15th and 34th minutes respectively.

Several times Flores, Mitchell Duke and Michael McGlinchey looked threatening for the Mariners, however Newcastle custodian Mark Birighitti was scarcely troubled in a first stanza devoid of much goalmouth action.

If the first half failed to live up to the hype every F3 Derby generates, the second underlined why matches between the two local rivals are such keenly anticipated affairs.

Six minutes after the restart, Neville scored Newcastle's first goal of the new campaign. Following a smartly worked free-kick and a pair of close range parries from Central Coast shot-stopper Justin Pasfield, the former Perth Glory man poked the ball into the back of the net to send all but about 500 of the 13,744 attendees into raptures.

The Jets wouldn't have to wait long to double their advantage, however their lead was extended through good luck rather than their own good play. Trent Sainsbury passed a ball back to Pasfield which the 'keeper misjudged, and though he sprinted back and belted the ball away from goal, the referee correctly ruled that the whole ball had crossed the goal line.

Arnold reacted swiftly to the setback, with Matt Simon and Mile Sterjovski taking the field, and the wily mentor shifting the team's midfield formation to a diamond. The tactical shift paid dividends in the 64th minute when Joshua Rose advanced down the left and sent a cross into the box. Under pressure, Jets defender Connor Chapman handled the ball in the area and referee Kris Griffiths-Jones awarded a penalty.

Flores netted twice from the spot against Melbourne Heart in Hyundai A-League 2013/14 round 2, and he made no mistake on two occasions against the Jets. Flores's first effort nestled into the back of the net however Griffiths-Jones ordered a re-take after spotting encroachment. Keeping his cool, the Argentine again sent the ball beyond Birighitti to pull the Mariners back into the contest.

The goal clearly inspired the away side and soon after Flores's strike Simon had a header brilliantly saved by Birighitti, while Duke had a powerful shot from close range blocked by the desperate Jets defence.

But the Mariners were not to be denied by their northern foes, with substitute Sterjovski rifling a shot on the angle into the back of the net in the 80th minute. After another Flores strike slammed the woodwork, the ball fell to former LOSC Lille man who made no mistake from close range.

Following the fixture Central Coast Mariners Head Coach Graham Arnold revealed that he was happy with the way his mid-game change in system helped inspire the comeback.

"When I changed the system to the way we used to play in the first two years to a diamond with two strikers it caused them some problems, and I was happy that the boys adapted to that very well," he said.

Match Stats

25	Tackles	21
14	Total Shots	9
313	Total Passes	437
42.2%	Possession	57.8%
5	Corners	3
2	Offsides	1
16	Fouls committed	14

Man of the Match
Marcos Flores (Mariners)

The Squadron is in raptures after taking an unlikley 2-0 lead in the F3 Derby. Adam Taggart joins in the fun.

Connor Chapman tries to get a grip of Marcos Flores

Great timing: Scott Neville (partly obscured) leads the charge after the Jets score their first goal of the campaign.

Photos: ANITA MILAS

Melbourne Give Muscat First Victory

Melbourne Victory 3

Wellington Phoenix 2

Match Details

Melbourne Victory 3 (Thompson 9, Troisi 22, 31)
Wellington Phoenix 1 (Brockie 37, Ifill 85)
Crowd: 23,226

Melbourne Victory:
1.Nathan COE (GK), 2.Pablo CONTRERAS, 3.Adama TRAORE, 23.Adrian LEIJER, 5.Mark MILLIGAN, 6.Leigh BROXHAM, 9.Kosta BARBAROUSES, 10.Archie THOMPSON, 14.James TROISI, 15.Mitch NICHOLS, 25, Jason GERIA,

20.Lawrence THOMAS (GK), 24, Scott GALLOWAY 7.Gui FINKLER, 4.Nick ANSELL, 11.Connor PAIN,

Wellington Phoenix:
1.Glen Moss (GK) 22. Andrew Durante, 3. Reece Caira, 16. Louis Fenton, 18. Ben Sigmund, 13. Albert Reira, 2. Manny Muscat, 17. Vince Lia, 21. Carlos Hernandez, 10. Stign Huysegems, 11. Jeremy Brockie,

30. Jacob Spoonley, 5. Michael Boxall, 15. James Hicks, 8. Paul Ifill, 7. Leo Bertos

By Andrew Bishara

Melbourne Victory survived a late scare from Wellington Phoenix to hold on to a 3-2 win in Kevin Muscat's first game in charge as head coach.

A blistering opening 30 minutes, saw the Victory take a 3-0 nil, thanks to a double by James Troisi and Archie Thompson.

Wellington's Jeremy Brockie kept the Phoenix in contention by scoring late in the first half, but the game was set for nervy finish, after substitute Paul Ifill scored with six minutes remaining.

Muscat came into the game looking to continue his 100% winning record following a win over the Newcastle Jets in 2012 when he was an interim coach.

The new Victory boss selected ten of the eleven players that featured in Ange Postecoglou's farewell game last week, with Pablo Contreras replacing Nick Ansell at centre back.

Former Victory coach, Ernie Merrick, back in the A-League with the Phoenix, made two changes to the team that drew 0-0 with the Jets last weekend. In came Louis Fenton for Leo Bertos and Albert Riera for Ifill.

Nine minutes in, Muscat got off to the perfect start when the out-of-form Thompson, opened the scoring.

Receiving the ball in the box, after Wellington's Ben Sigmund failed to clear a pass from Captain Mark Milligan, Thompson pounced with a sweet curling shot around former Victory 'keeper Glen Moss.

It was 2-0 in the 22nd minute when Troisi got his first when he swooped on a horrendous header from Durante, leaving himself one-on-one with Moss, where he coolly slotted the ball in the net.

Troisi got his second less than nine minutes later, when he scored the goal of the night – a delightful chipped ball over an oncoming Moss.

A swift counter attack saw Kosta Barbarouses put the ball ahead of the sprinting Troisi, who after outmuscling the Durante, got the Victory's third.

With the Victory in cruise control, things took a turn for the worse when playmaker Mitch Nichols was substituted with an ankle injury and replaced by Gui Finkler.

With a comfortable lead, the Victory took the foot off the pedal, but were duly punished in 37th minute when Brockie slotted in the Phoenix's first.

A brilliant cross-field ball from former Victory playmaker, Carlos Hernandez, split open the defence for Brockie, who smashed the ball under the legs of Victory custodian, Nathan Coe.

The second half started much like the first, with Victory pushing forward in a bid to extend its lead.

Troisi almost had his hat trick when he rose highest in corner, but his header went over the bar.

The last 30 minutes of the game petered out, as the hosts looked to shut down the game, but it was turned on its head when Merrick brought on Ifill.

The Barbados international made the hosts suffer in the final ten minutes, when he made the scoreline 3-2.

Skipping past Milligan out on the wing, and Contreras inside the box, Ifill rocketed a shot between the legs of Coe yet again.

Try as they might, Phoenix could not find the equaliser, as the Victory defended deep to grab the win.

Muscat's first win as head coach, moves the hosts up to third on the ladder on 8 points, tied with the Wanderers and one behind league-leaders the Brisbane Roar. The Phoenix is eighth, with a goal difference separating them from bottom club, Melbourne Heart.

The Victory faces Sydney next week at Allianz Stadium, while the Phoenix hosts Perth Glory at AMI Stadium.

You betcha! Jmaes Troisi is the toast of the town after scoring a double on Melbourne Cup weekend.

Victory	Match Stats	Wellington
11	Tackles	23
14	Total Shots	16
505	Total Passes	453
52.9%	Possession	47.9%
10	Corners	4
1	Offsides	3
14	Fouls committed	21

GW Man of the Match
James Troisi (Victory)

Carlos Hernandez marks his return to Melbourne with a challenge on Victory's Mark Milligan.

Taking the reigns: New Victory boss Kevin Muscat gets his managerial career off to winner.

Photos: ADRIAN GAGLIONE

Second Half Strikes Secure Roar Win

Brisbane Roar

3

Melbourne heart

0

Match Details

Brisbane Roar 3 (Henrique 48', 65', Matt Smith 77')
Melbourne Heart 0
Sunday, 3 November 2013
Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane.
Crowd: 15,011
Referee: Lucien Lavendure

Brisbane Roar: 1.Michael Theo (Gk), 2.Matthew Smith (C), 5. Ivan Franjic, 10. Henrique (28. Brandon Borrello 78'), 13. Jade North, 17.Matt Mckay, 18.Luke Brattan (14. Diogo Ferreira 79'), 19.Jack Hingert, 22.Thomas Broich, 26. Corey Brown, 29.Kwame Yeboah (23. Dimitri Petratos 64')

Substitutes Not Used: 20. Matt Acton (Gk), 15. James Donachie
Y
elloW Cards: Nil
Red Cards: Nil

Melbourne Heart: 1.Andrew Redmayne (Gk), 2. Jeremy Walker, 3. Robbie Wielaert (C), 6. Patrick Gerhardt, 7. Iain Ramsay (14. Golgol Merbrahtu 78'), 8.Massimo Murdocca, 11.Michael Mifsud, 15.David Williams, 16.Aziz Behich, 23. Mate Dugandzic (28. Paulo Retre 88'), 25. Andrea Migliorini (21. Stefan Mauk 64')

Substitutes Not Used: 20. Tando Velaphi (Gk), 18. David Vrankovic
Y
ellow Cards: Andrea Migliorini 37', Massimo Murdocca 44', Robbie Wielaert 66', Stefan Mauk 21'
Red Cards: Nil

By Jarrod Ellis

Brisbane Roar prevailed 3-0 over Melbourne Heart in an at times tetchy affair thanks to a second-half brace from Henrique and finished off by a volley from Roar captain Matt Smith.

The result extended Heart's dreadful run away from home, their last away victory coming against their hometown rivals all the way back in the 2012 season opener.

On this occasion the visitors had the opportunities to get something out of the match but instead saw a series of shots flash wide of the post or collect the woodwork.

Melbourne's best periods of play came in the first half and had John Aloisi's side not passed up some excellent chances the outcome of the match could have been very different.

Iain Ramsey and Michael Mifsud both had excellent chances inside of the first twelve minutes but both put their shots inches wide of goal. Mifsud in particular should have done better, having been set up for an opportunity thanks to a stray pass from Corey Brown.

Brisbane struggled to make it out of their own half for the next quarter of an hour, Melbourne taking the game to the home side and pressing high up the pitch.

It wasn't until the 25th minute that Brisbane had their first clear cut chance. With Besart Berisha out injured the Roar would always need to find goals from other areas and when Matt McKay wriggled through the Melbourne defence it appeared it may arrive from a most unlikely source, but it wasn't to be.

After a consistently excellent team performance Heart would threaten to finally make the breakthrough mere moments before halftime. Michael Theo spilled a Migliorini free-kick behind before eventually collecting a header from the resultant corner, the action bringing the half to a close.

Despite all that good work in the first forty-five Heart's afternoon in Brisbane began to take a turn for the worse within three minutes of the restart when Henrique put the ball into Redmayne's net.

Latching onto a lofted ball from Luke Brattan, Henrique, playing more centrally after the break, chested the ball down before placing his shot past Redmayne.

Melbourne came within a whisker of equalising on the hour mark. Mifsud, who had gone so close to scoring in the first half, rattled the woodwork with a long range shot that left Theo grasping at the air.

With the game hanging in the balance Mike Mulvey introduced Dimitri Petratos for Kwame Yeboah in the 64th minute and the change had an immediate effect.

Collecting the ball for his first touch of the game within a minute of his introduction Petratos cut in from the right and fired a shot at Redmayne. His shot was saved but the ball then fell invitingly for Henrique for a simple finish.

Matt Smith gets that winning feeling after scoring the third goal in emphatic fashion for Brisbane.

The Brazilian was forced from the pitch shortly after due to injury, replaced by Brandon Borello, the eighteen year-old making his first appearance in the A-League.

Henrique's absence didn't halt Brisbane's charge, the home team adding a third in the 77th minute. McKay made his way to the bye line after a Brisbane set piece before sweeping a cross into the Melbourne six-yard box that found a waiting Matt Smith.

Mifsud threatened in the dying stages by the Maltese international's name was kept from the scoresheet and Melbourne Heart were left scoreless in their sixteenth consecutive away game without a win.

Despite suffering another heavy away defeat John Aloisi was keen to look to the positives after the match.

"Look, I was happy with the performance," Aloisi said

"I thought that we took the game right to Brisbane, especially in the first half, we created a lot of good chances and we stopped them from playing.

"We made it hard for them. When you come to Brisbane and you create probably five one-on-ones, you think you're going to get more out of it.

"So I can't ask any more from my boys, the effort was great."

Match Stats

18	Tackles	32
11	Total Shots	14
487	Total Passes	354
57.9%	Possession	42.1%
3	Corners	4
2	Offsides	6
14	Fouls committed	20

Man of the Match
Matt McKay (Roar)

Winning combiniation: Man of the match Matt Mckay embraces two-goal hero Henrique.

Brisbane Roar's Thomas Broich lets out a yelp as Melbourne Heart's Robbie Wielaert slides in

Photos: GREG SEATON

Glory's points as SFC rue chances

Perth Glory 1

Sydney FC 0

Match Details

Perth Glory 1 (McGarry 9 pen)
Sydney 0
Crowd: 10,613 at nib Stadium

Perth Glory: 1.Daniel VUKOVIC (GK), 4.Ryan EDWARDS, 5.Steve PANTELIDIS, 7.Jacob BURNS (c), 8.Ryo NAGAI (20.Daniel DE SILVA), 10.Jamie MACLAREN (9.Shane SMELTZ), 14.Steven McGARRY, 16.Sidnei SCIOLA MORAES (6.Cameron EDWARDS), 21.Scott JAMIESON, 23.Michael THWAITE, 24.Matthew DAVIES

Yellow Cards: Jamieson, Pantelidis, Davies
Red Cards : None

Sydney FC: 20.Vedran JANJETOVIC (GK), 2.Seb RYALL, 3.Mark WARREN (27.Chris NAUMOFF), 6.Nikola PETKOVIC, 7.Brett EMERTON, 11.Richard GARCIA, 13.Tiago CALVANO, 16.Joel CHIANESE (21. Yairo YAU), 19.Nicky CARLE (10. Alessandro DEL PIERO), , 22.Ali ABBAS, , 28.Matt THOMPSON

Yellow Cards: Carle, Janjetovic
Red Cards: None

Courtesy FFA

Perth Glory have capitalised on a missed offside call to consign Sydney FC to a narrow 1-0 defeat nib Stadium on Saturday.

The Sky Blues dominated the match, but it was the Glory who walked away with their second home triumph from as many games.

The hosts' goal came when Japanese winger Ryo Nagai was brought down in the middle of the penalty area by Sydney goalkeeper Vedran Janjetovic.

But replays showed Nagai was offside by at least a metre when team-mate Jamie Maclaren crossed the ball.

Referee Ben Williams was quick to blow his whistle and hand Janjetovic a yellow card, with Nicky Carle also booked for remonstrating as the Sky Blues ferociously protested the decision.

Steven McGarry then stepped up to the spot and converted the penalty to put the Glory ahead after just nine minutes.

It wasn't the only offside call in the first half that left players and spectators scratching their heads.

Perhaps perturbed by the initial controversy, the assistant referee called Maclaren offside in the 23rd minute, despite appearing to be onside, just as the Glory striker broke free for a one-on-one opportunity against the Sydney goalkeeper.

The controversy overshadowed the returns of Alessandro Del Piero and Shane Smeltz, who both came off the bench in the second half but had little impact.

Del Piero received a mixed welcome from the Perth crowd when he was introduced in the 63rd minute after missing last week's loss to Western Sydney with a calf injury.

The 38-year-old Italian superstar rejected the offer of the captain's band from former Socceroo Brett Emerton, who worked tirelessly for his side in the first half.

Sydney squandered several golden chances to put the ball in the back of the net, with Carle and Mark Warren both forcing Glory custodian Danny Vukovic into action and Ali Abbas mistiming a header into an open goal.

Faces in the crowd: Perth Glory keeper Danny Vukovic anticipates Alessandro Del Piero's glancing header

A spiteful first 45 minutes saw four players booked, including Perth pair Scott Jamieson and Matt Davies for reckless challenges.

Sydney continued to attack hard in the second half, with Richard Garcia's header in the 56th minute just sailing over the bar.

McGarry then looked set to score his second goal of the match after pouncing on a clever pass from Ryan Edwards and running circles around Sydney defender Tiago Calvano, but his shot was narrowly wide of the target.

Matt Thompson had Sydney's best chance of the second half, with his low shot on goal being deflected by Vukovic into the left post and out for a corner.

New Zealand international Smeltz, playing his first match since April following hip surgery, was lively in the final minutes with two attacking runs, but also missed a chance to pass to McGarry in open space.

Sydney FC host Melbourne Victory on Saturday 9th November (ko 7.45pm) to look to build on the improved performance.

20	Tackles	17
10	Total Shots	19
349	Total Passes	436
43.8%	Possession	56.2%
1	Corners	9
7	Offsides	2
16	Fouls committed	13

Man of the Match
Danny Vukovic (Glory)

The 12th Man played their part and cheer Glory into 4th spot

Perth Glory's Steven McGarry makes no mistake from the spot, much to the delight of the home crowd at nib Stadium. McGary becomes the player with the most Glory wins under his belt

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FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
Copa Sudamericana Quarter Final 2nd Leg Itagui v Libertad 12:05pm LIVE
Bundesliga Round 12 Preview Show 7pm 1st Airing
UEFA Europa League Group Stage, Matchday 4 Highlights Show 7:30pm 1st Airing

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
Bundesliga Round 12 Hannover v Braunschweig 6:25am LIVE
Copa Sudamericana Quarter Final 2nd Leg Highlights Show 12:10pm
Sky Bet Championship Round 16 Reading v QPR 11:15pm LIVE on setantasportsplus.com

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Hibernian v Inverness 2am LIVE on setantasportsplus.com
Bundesliga Round 12 Monchengladbach v Nuremburg 4:25am LIVE
Bundesliga Round 12 Bayern Munich v Augsburg 8:20am 1st Airing
Bundesliga Round 12 Wolfsburg v Dortmund 10:10am 1st Airing

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
Bundesliga Round 12 Mainz v Frankfurt 1:25am LIVE
Bundesliga Round 12 Freiburg v Stuttgart 3:25am LIVE
Primera Division Round 15 Teams TBC 8:10am LIVE
Primera Division Round 15 Teams TBC 11:10am LIVE
Bundesliga Round 12 Highlights Show 7pm 1st Airing
Sky Bet Championship Round 16 Highlights Show 9:50pm 1st Airing

TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
Scottish Premiership Round 13 Highlights Show 7:30pm 1st Airing

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER
World Cup 2014 Qualifier Playoff 1st Leg Mexico v New Zealand 7am LIVE

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
World Cup 2014 Qualifier Playoff 1st Leg Israel v Croatia 5:50am LIVE
International Friendly England v Chile 7am LIVE on setantasportsplus.com

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Skrill Premier Round 20 Barnet v Cambridge 4:25am LIVE

MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
Sky Bet League One Round 16 Bradford v Coventry 2:25am LIVE
Primera Division Round 16 Teams TBC 8:10am LIVE
Primera Division Round 16 Teams TBC 11:10am LIVE

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
Sky Bet League One Round 16 Walsall v Peterborough 6:40am LIVE

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
World Cup 2014 Qualifier Playoff 2nd Leg Croatia v Israel 6:05am LIVE
International Friendly England v Germany 7am LIVE on setantasportsplus.com

SBS

SBS ONE
Friday November 8th
7:00 pm A-League Live – Round 5: Melbourne Heart v Wetsern Sydney Wanderers

Every Sunday
4:30 pm UEFA Champions League Magazine

Every Monday
4:30 pm FIFA Futbol Mundial
11:00 pm The World Game

Every Thursday
8:30 pm Thursday FC
11:00 pm UEFA Champions League Magazine

SBS TWO
Every Monday
8:40 pm A-League Highlights Show

Every Tuesday
5:00 pm A-League Highlights Show

FOX SPORTS

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE LIVE
Times listed are 7 minutes prior to kick-offs.

WEEK 13
Sun Nov 10 Liverpool v Fulham 1.50 am

Sun Nov 10 Aston Villa v Cardiff 1.50 am Viewers Choice

Sun Nov 10 Chelsea v West Brom 1.50 am Viewers Choice

Sun Nov 10 Crystal Palace v Everton 1.50 am Viewers Choice

Sun Nov 10 Southampton v Hull 1.50 am Viewers Choice

Sun Nov 10 Norwich v West Ham 4.20 am

Sun Nov 10 Tottenham v Newcastle 10.50 pm

Mon Nov 11 Sunderland v Manchester City 12.55 am

Mon Nov 11 Manchester United v Arsenal 2.55 am

Mon Nov 11 Swansea v Stoke 3.00 am Fox 2

HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE - ALL GAMES
FOX 1

Fri Nov 8	Heart v Wanderers	7.30 pm
Sat Nov 9	Wellington v Perth	3.30 pm
Sat Nov 9	Adelaide v Jetse	5.30 pm
Sat Nov 9	Sydney FC v Victory	7.45 pm
Sun Nov 10	Mariners v Roar	5.00 pm

FOX SPORTS FC
Every Tuesday 8.30 pm

SPANISH LA LIGA
Sun Nov 10 Celta Vigo v Rayo Vallencano 7.55 am Fox 2

Sun Nov 10 Espanyol v Sevilla 9.55 pm Fox 3

TV Heaven

Matthew Naqvi

What a reversal we have seen in the A-League! There were goals aplenty this round with a total of 16 goals including 5 goals in one game between Melbourne Victory and Wellington Phoenix. There was plenty of controversy too with poor refereeing decisions costing Adelaide United and Sydney FC much needed points. Things are heating up and this week's action will give us a better sense of where each team sits.

This week's A-League Friday night game on SBS is between Melbourne Heart and Western Sydney Wanderers. While Heart is on the bottom of the ladder and coming off a 3 goal loss, there record is deceptive. Last week Heart played very well and missed very gettable chances. Coach John Aloisi was happy with the way the team played and will hope they play that way again.

Western Sydney Wanderers secured a hard fought win over Adelaide United in a spiteful match which saw a few brutal tackles, particularly by the Wanderers' Jerome Polenz. The media scrutiny forced Wanderers coach Tony Popovic to defend his player and emphasises that he isn't thug. There is no doubt the referees will be on close watch this week. WSW will be strong for Melbourne Heart and take the three points but Heart should be valiant in defeat.

The biggest game of the weekend for A-League action is between the bitter rivals Sydney FC and Melbourne Victory on Saturday night at Sydney Football Stadium. Victory have won two and drawn one of the last three encounters between the teams and this game shouldn't be any different. Melbourne Victory is in great form this season and they are only getting better with the forwards beginning to understand each other. Sydney has been woeful in defence and Victory's style of aggressive attacking will expose Sydney. Melbourne Victory should take home the three points with a 3-1 win. Keep your eyes on James Troisi who is in fantastic form and vying for a Socceroos recall.

The EPL has another blockbuster game of the round between Arsenal and Manchester United. Last week saw Arsenal get the better of Liverpool to secure top spot and a win in this game will only further their lead in the early stages of the season.

On the other hand Manchester United has beaten two teams towards the lower end of the ladder and has generally been out of sorts this season. Given Arsenal's deadly form and finishing, they should take a big 3-1 win over the Red Devils.

Tottenham and Newcastle is going to be an intriguing match-up. Spurs have continued their great form from last year and are sitting in fourth spot. They have beaten Hull City and West Ham in recent weeks and drew away to Everton last week.

Newcastle had a massive win over Chelsea last week and drew against Liverpool but lost to second last placed Sunderland last week. This kind of form is unsettling for Tottenham as Newcastle can get another big win to their name this season if they play to their potential. More than likely this will be a great match with both teams sharing the points.

To cap everything off, make sure you tune into SBS for your comprehensive wrap-up of football news with The A-League Highlights Show and The World Game on Monday night, while Thursday FC continues to improve with their mix of football new and entertainment on Thursday night.

Enjoy plenty of football action this weekend and hopefully your team wins.

Catch Santo, Sam & Ed's Total Football on Mondays at 7.30pm on FOX Sports 1

Katsa's Korner

George Katsamboukas

Welcome to the Jungle

Another interesting week in the A-League, where Kevin Muscat, in charge of his first game as Head Coach, must have thought all of his Christmas' had come at once with Melbourne Victory cruising at 3-0 in the early stages of their match against the Wellington Phoenix.

Wellington to their credit though, put up a much better performance in the second half, reducing the 3-0 deficit to 3-2, with a few anxious moments for the Victory in the later stages, where Phoenix could have actually equalised.

Muscat now donned in his Arthur Galan Suit as opposed to his Adidas Track Suit when he was assistant Coach, faces a tough assignment this week, with the Victory travelling to Sydney to take on their old nemesis, Sydney FC.

Frank Farina's charges have hardly set the world on fire this season, and Farina would certainly be feeling the heat with their poor start.

Unfortunately for him, he has the backing of the Sydney Board with Chairman Scott Barlow backing Farina's efforts thus far.

I say unfortunately as every time a Club Powerbroker has publically declared that a Coach's Job is safe, inevitably he is gone in the next few weeks.

And with Farina we will stay who during the week took to WWW World to have a dig at the growing number of his detractors, asking them for patience and unity in these, his and his Team's troubled times.

He will receive their support no doubt once Sydney FC secure results on the field, should they not, www.seek.com.au may be his next port of call.

His blog however did start rather curiously, and had me confused with some activities of Melbourne's finest Club Powerbrokers.

Ahhh, the stressful world of football management. At least Kev doesn't have to worry about losing his hair. Photo:ANITA MILAS

- It's bad for your self-esteem
- It can cause high blood pressure
- Online is no substitute for Offline.

The increase in popularity of Social Media, aka Facebook and Twitter, spreads both good news and bad, as they occur and in a blink of an eye.

And this was certainly the case when Victoria's Finest Man In Black was assigned to the Brisbane Roar Vs. Melbourne Heart Match last weekend, with a rather dubious decision causing punters to go absolutely ballistic on Facebook and Twitter, when a Brisbane Roar Player was adjudged to be offside from a throw in.

Seems that the Man In Black had Trigger Finger that night, as the call for offside was made by his assistant who raised the flag , once the throw in took place.

The Socceroos Squad has been announced for the upcoming friendly against Costa Rica, with Mark Schwarzer announcing his retirement from International Football just before the squad was announced.

The beginning of Postecoglou's anticipated neonisation (Sounds like an Andy Harper Word) commenced with Wilkshire, Holman, Thompson, Brosque, Ogdenovski and Carney all being omitted, the squad looking quite young in comparison to previous Socceroo's squads.

Until next week.

This is Katsa – Just as you have known him

Melb Heart v West Sydney Wanderers

Fri Nov 8 AAMI Park 7:30 PM

Heart Line Up

1.Andrew REDMAYNE (GK)
2.Jeremy WALKER
3.Robbie WIELAERT
5.Sam MITCHINSON
6.Patrick GERHARDT
7.Iain RAMSAY
8.Massimo MURDOCCA
11.Michael MIFSUD
14.Golgol MEBRAHTU
15.David WILLIAMS
16.Aziz BEHICH
18.David VRANKOVIC
19.Benjamin GARUCCIO
20.Tando VELAPHI (GK)
21.Stefan MAUK
22.Nick KALMAR
23.Mate DUGANDZIC
25.Andrea MIGLIORINI
Two to be omitted

Ins: 5.Sam MITCHINSON, 19.Benjamin GARUCCIO, 22.Nick KALMAR
Outs: 10.Harry KEWELL (ankle – 2 weeks) Unavailable: 4.Orlando ENGELAAR (Fractured tibia – long-term), 9.Dylan MACALLISTER (Hamstring – 3-5 weeks), 10.Harry Kewell (ankle – 2 weeks), 13.Jonatan GERMANO (Hamstring – 3 weeks), 17.Jason HOFFMAN (groin – 1-2 weeks) 24.Patrick KISNORBO (knee – 2 weeks)

Heart Aim To Break Drought

Adrian Houghton

Bottom of the table Melbourne Heart host second-placed Western Sydney Wanderers at AAMI Park on Friday night.

The Heart were desperately unlucky to receive a 3-0 drubbing at the hands of Brisbane Roar last weekend, after producing some scintillating football in the first half.

John Aloisi's men carved out numerous goalscoing opportunities, only to see a lack of composure in front of goal fail to translate their dominance into a deserved a lead.

Even the Roar's coach Mike Mulvey described his team as "clueless", despite the final scoreline, which will provide the Heart with a degree of solace.

Brisbane's eventual quality in the final third came to the fore, and although it was harsh on the Heart, it demonstrates the team's shortcomings in attack.

The Red and White will feel aggrieved to be the division's worst placed side after four games, but they have scored just twice in four matches.

Prior to their second loss of the campaign, the Heart relinquished a two-goal lead against Central Coast and suffered a narrow defeat to Perth Glory.

The opposition doesn't get any easier for the Heart, who face a Western Sydney side fresh from a spirited come-from-behind victory on home soil against Adelaide United.

The Wanderers' No. 9 Tom Juric was the match winner with a fine brace that maintained his team's unbeaten start to the season.

While the visitors had 64% of possession and exemplified some expert passing football that Josep Gombau will look to perfect into an art form, it couldn't thwart the Wanderers' clinical play.

The Heart defence will need to be wary of their opposition's right flank where German right-back Jerome Polenz links up brilliantly with dangerous winger Youssouf Hersi.

It's an attacking combination that could cause the home team some real headaches, meaning that corresponding duo Iain Ramsay and Aziz Behich will need to be on their mettle.

The attacking trio of Mate Dugandzic, David Williams and centre-forward Michael Mifsud, who wasted some glorious opportunities, can pose the Wanderers tightknit defence problems of their very own.

Conversely, the Red and White defence have conceded six goals, and with Patrick Kisnorbo still on the sidelines with a knee injury, the pairing of Robbie Wielart and Patrick Gerhardt will again be called upon to try and curb a potent Western Sydney strike force.

Juric's mobility and strength will be a significant threat to the hosts, as well as the darting runs in behind from midfield maestro Shinji Ono and Mark Bridge.

Harry Kewell missed his third week in succession with a whiplash injury, but is expected to make his long-awaited return to the squad.

The Wanderers have continued to assert themselves as one of the league's best teams, and have arguably become an even stronger unit.

The Heart may have their work cut out for them and could be without a victory heading into the international break, with the pressure beginning to mount on Aloisi.

The Odds	Head-to-Head
Heart 4.52 Draw 3.60 Wanderers 1.85	Played 3 Wanderers 2 Adelaide 1 Draw 0

Referee: Peter O'Leary

Radio Broadcast: 774 ABC Melbourne, ABC Local Radio Victoria, 702 ABC Sydney, 666 ABC Canberra, ABC Local Radio NSW, Grandstand Digital and Online/Mobile phone app

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Kiss of Death
Heart 1-3 Wanderers

Wanderers Line Up

1.Ante COVIC (GK)
2.Shannon COLE
3.Adam D'APUZZO
4.Nikolai TOPOR-STANLEY
5.Michael BEAUCHAMP (c)
6.Jerome POLENZ
7.Labinot HALITI
8.Mateo POLJAK
9.Tomi JURIC
10.Aaron MOOY
11.Brendon SANTALAB
12.Tahj MINNIECON
13.Matthew SPIRANOVIC
18.Iacopo LA ROCCA
19.Mark BRIDGE
20.Jerrad TYSON (GK)
21.Shinji ONO
23.Jason TRIFIRO
Two to be omitted

Ins: 13.Matthew SPIRANOVIC (promoted), 8.Mateo POLJAK (promoted),

Outs: Nil

Unavailable: 17.Youssouf HERSI (foot – 1 week)

Wellington Phoenix v Perth Glory

Sat Nov 9 AMI Std, C'church 3:30 PM

Phoenix Line Up

1.Glen MOSS (GK)
2.Manny MUSCAT
3.Reece CAIRA
5.Michael BOXALL
8.Paul IFILL
9.Kenny CUNNINGHAM
10.Stein HUYSEGEMS
11.Jeremy BROCKIE
12.Tyler BOYD
13.Albert RIERA
15.Jason HICKS
16.Louis FENTON
17.Vince LIA
18.Ben SIGMUND
21.Carlos HERNANDEZ
22.Andrew DURANTE
30.Jacob SPOONLEY (GK).
One to be omitted

Ins: 9.Kenny Cunningham (promoted), 12.Tyler Boyd (promoted)

Outs: Leo Bertos (omitted).

Unavailable: 20.Lewis Italiano (GK, ankle injury 2-3 weeks).

Time Travel The Pivotal Difference

Joe Gallagher

Another week passes, and it's a very similar narrative for the Wellington Phoenix.

Ernie Merrick has been singing from the same song sheet all the way through this year, and Monday night's demoralising 3-2 loss to Melbourne Victory consigned Wellington to ninth on the A-League ladder ahead of this weekend's visit to Christchurch to host Perth Glory.

For so long it seems the Phoenix have been content with taking 'positives' from fixtures like Monday's at the Etihad Stadium. Good in patches, let down by a few lapses in concentration and might have scored more if they were a bit luckier higher up the park.

But the reality is that Wellington's two points from the opening four rounds of the competition is not good enough to meet the side's finals ambitions. On Saturday they simply must be taking points, not positives on the flight from Canterbury.

Enough is made of travel factor each time Perth makes the arduous trip across the continent to face the Phoenix, and vice versa. But Wellington themselves have been clocking up the miles since the season began; they've travelled between the capital, Sydney, Napier, Melbourne and now Christchurch

in the opening month of the A-League season.

Throw into that the extraordinary mileage of their All Whites internationals – Jeremy Brockie, Glen Moss, Leo Bertos and Andrew Durante – and the Phoenix could be afforded the excuse of exhaustion.

That quartet, along with Durante's defensive partner in Ben Sigmund, have narrowly avoided missing this weekend's match due to their commitments with the national side. An eleventh hour deal between club and country agreed to push back kick-off on Saturday to allow the six – and Perth's Shane Smeltz – to board a plane to Los Angeles with the rest of their All White teammates later in the evening.

The loss of Smeltz might not have been too damaging to Perth's ambitions, with the striker still on his way back from injury.

But his club have found themselves on a bit of a roll of late; two wins from two has seen them sitting pretty in the A-League's top four and while Wellington needs a win to avoid losing touch with the likes of Perth, Melbourne, Western Sydney, Central Coast and Brisbane, the Glory could leapfrog the lot with a win in the Garden City.

The trip could see the debut of former French international William Gallas and with the likes of Steven McGarry and Rio Nagai finding their feet in the front third this term, Wellington's defence will have to be more than a little bit more solid than they were in Victoria – especially if depleted by the absence of Sigmund and Durante.

The loss of their All Whites could expose the Phoenix's lack of depth which many – myself included – thought could be their biggest hindrance this year.

Christchurch has been waiting three years for the return of A-League football – and perhaps the Phoenix have too been waiting for an appropriate location to kick-start their season.

The Odds	Head-to-Head
Phoenix 2.25 Draw 3.50 Glory 3.42	Played 24 Glory 5 Sydney Fc 11 Draw 8

Referee: Alan Milliner

Radio Broadcast: 720 ABC Perth, ABC Local Radio WA, Grandstand Digital Perth and Online/Mobile phone app

Join the conversation on Twitter using the hash-tag #WELvPER

Kiss of Death
Wellington 1-1 Perth

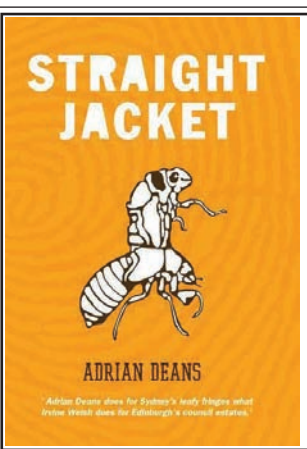
Glory Line Up

1.Daniel VUKOVIC (GK)
2.Jack CLISBY
3.Brandon O'NEILL
4.Ryan EDWARDS
5.Steve PANTELIDIS
6.Cameron EDWARDS
7.Jacob BURNS (c)
8.Ryo NAGAI
9.Shane SMELTZ
10.Jamie MACLAREN
14.Steven McGARRY
16.Sidnei SCIOLA MORAES
18.Jack DUNCAN
21.Scott JAMIESON
23.Michael THWAITE
24.Matthew DAVIES

Ins: Jack CLISBY (promoted),

Outs: 20.Daniel DE SILVA (ankle – 1 week)

Unavailable: 36.William GALLAS (Arriving in Perth on Saturday 11 November)



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Adelaide United v Newcastle Jets

Sat Nov 9 Hindmarsh Stdm 5:30 PM

Reds Prepare to Ground Jets

Matt Mays

Adelaide will be hoping to bounce back t winning ways as they welcome Newcastle Jets to Coopers Stadium on Saturday evening.

The Reds have lost their last 2 games, showing great spells of possession but showing little in the final third.

The Jets are still looking for their first win of the campaign, but are boosted with the return of marquee singing Emile Heskey, who returns from a groin injury.

The Reds too welcome back one of their strikers. Bruce Djite completed 90 minutes in the Reds 1-1 youth team draw at Western Sydney Wanderers last Friday and was thrilled to be back in contention.

"It felt tough physically and it was a youth game," Djite said.

"It was hot 34C on Sunday it was dry, the conditions were very tough but we play in summer. Fitness is key."

Djite is expected to stroll straight back into the squad after Brent McGrath's short term contacts Witt the club came to an end.

Assistant coach for the Newcastle Jets Craig Deans has admitted their is no need for major changes to the trip to Adelaide and is encouraged after their recent performances, despite throwing away a 2 goal lead against the Mariners last week.

"I think we have to focus on what we've been doing well in the last couple of weeks especially, which has been working hard and pressuring people on the ball and not giving good players time to cause us damage."

"To change people is not something that you want to do, so if we can keep some consistency to the team that would be the preference."

Former Red keeper Mark Birighitti makes his first appearance at Coopers in opposition colours after his move to the Jets. Birighitti, who became Galekovic's understudy, is looking forward to the challenge and has respect for Adelaide's philosophy.

"It's going to be a tough game, obviously going back to my old club, they're a good outfit with a new coach and playing some good football," he said.

"It was the club that gave me my first opportunity as a young kid, I spent four quality years there and I've still got family and friends there.

The Odds	Head-to-Head
Adelaide 2.00 Draw 3.55 Jets 4.15	Played 29 Jets 9 Mariners 10 Draw 10

Referee: Strebre Delovski

Radio Broadcast: 891 ABC Adelaide, ABC Local Radio South Australia, 1233 ABC Newcastle, Grandstand Digital and Online/Mobile phone app

Join the conversation on Twitter using the hash-tag #ADLvNEW

Kiss of Death
Adelaide 3-0 Jets

As far as the game goes, Adelaide surely head into it as hot favorites. Unbeaten at home this season, the Reds will be looking to bounce back after a convincing performance in Paramatta last week. However, the Jets, without Heskey, produced resilient performance in their last trip to Adelaide picking up a 1-1 draw.

I expect Adelaide will continue their philosophy of possession football and the Jets will find it difficult to cope with the quality on show. If the Jets have any chance, they have to take their chances when they come and hope that the return of Heskey will give them a chance. But Adelaide will win this one comfortably.

Adelaide Utd Line Up

1.Eugene GALEKOVIC (GK) (c)
3.Nigel BOOGAARD
4.Jon McKAIN
5.Osama MALIK
7.JERONIMO
8.ISAIAS
9.Sergio CIRIO
10.Marcelo CARRUSCA
13.Steven LUSTICA
14.Cameron WATSON
17.Awer MABIL
18.Michael ZULLO
20.Paul IZZO (GK)
21.Tarek ELRICH
22.Fabio FERREIRA
23.Jordan ELSEY

Ins: Nil

Outs: Nil

Unavailable: 16.Daniel BOWLES (ankle – 4-5 weeks)

Jets Line Up

1.Mark BIRIGHITTI (GK)
2.Scott NEVILLE
3.Taylor REGAN
4.Kew JALIENS
5.Ben KANTAROVSKI
9.Emile HESKEY
7.Andrew HOOLE
8.Ruben ZADKOVICH (c)
10.Nathan BURNS
11.Craig GOODWIN
12.Connor CHAPMAN
15.Josh BRILLANTE
16.Jacob PEPPER
18.James BROWN
19.Michael BRIDGES
20.Ben KENNEDY
21.Sam GALLAWAY
22.Adam TAGGART
Two to be omitted

Ins: Emile HESKEY (returns from injury), Taylor REGAN (promoted)

Outs: Nil

Unavailable: Mitch COOPER (knee – 3 weeks)

Sydney FC v Melbourne Victory

Sat Nov 9 Allianz Stadium 7:30 PM

Sydney FC in desperate need of Victory

Bryson Ferriera

Sydney FC will be looking to put a tough opening month behind them this weekend when they face Kevin Muscat's undefeated Melbourne Victory, in the first Big Blue of the season.

After a promising opening round victory over the Newcastle Jets, Sydney FC fans have endured losses to Brisbane Roar, the Western Sydney Wanderers and Perth Glory over the past three weeks.

In their last start, Perth Glory came away with a victory over the under-fire Sky Blues at nib Stadium, but only because of a botched offside call that led to a penalty.

Sydney FC more than held their own against the young Glory team, and even dominated the game at certain times, but the offside call [or lack thereof], was the difference in the end.

Richard Garcia and Nicky Carle created chances throughout the game, and if not for a man of the match performance from Danny Vukovic in goal, the result may have swung the way of the men in blue.

Regardless of the significant improvements by Frank Farina's men, expectations are always high for Sydney FC, and a loss against their original rivals in the Big Blue on Saturday could spell trouble for the manager.

Chairman Scott Barlow has offered a vote of confidence in Farina, but acknowledges the supporters are right to be upset with the club's dismal start.

There's no doubt the club should give Farina every chance to try and implement his new style of play, the reality is however, the fans demand results.

Sydney FC's crunch match against arch rivals Melbourne Victory this Saturday night looms as the final straw despite the chairman's public support for the manager.

Contrastingly, spirits are high at Melbourne Victory despite losing Ange Postecoglu to the Socceroos.

Although there have been recent changes at the Victory, some things don't change, after they managed their seventh victory in a row against a struggling Wellington side.

A drought-breaking goal from Archie Thompson and a first half brace from James Troisi, put the Victory 3 nil up in what new coach Kevin Muscat described as 'the best 30 minutes of their season so far'.

The Victory didn't have it all their own way however, particularly in the second half when Wellington took control of the midfield battle and dictated the tempo of the match.

The result was impressive enough however, and the Victory will head to Allianz stadium confident of another three points having taken 7 out of a possible 9 from their interstate rivals last year.

Despite their resent form slump, the Sky Blues will see Saturday's crunch match as an opportunity to get their season back on track, and perhaps ensure they don't have another coach anytime soon.

If Sydney FC can improve on their showing in Perth and convert their chances into goals they should be able to compete with a strong Victory outfit.

The return of superstar captain Alessandro Del Piero into the starting lineup should improve an attack that hasn't scored in three weeks.

The Big Blue always creates drama, and expect nothing less in front of another bumper crowd at Allianz Stadium on Saturday.

The Sky Blues are in desperate need of a win, and an improved performance against Perth suggests a victory isn't far away.

Unfortunately, the Victory should be too strong and the Cove may have to wait another week to see their team get back on the winners list.

The Odds	Head-to-Head
Sydney 3.20 Draw 3.40 Victory 2.33	Played 9 Roar 4 Heart 3 Draw 2

Referee: Peter Green

Radio Broadcast: 702 ABC Sydney, ABC Local Radio NSW, 774 ABC Melbourne, ABC Local Radio Victoria, Grandstand Digital Online/Mobile phone app

Join the conversation on Twitter using the hash-tag #TheBigBlue

Kiss of Death
SFC 1-3 Victory

Sydney FC Line Up

1.Ivan NECEVSKI (GK)
2.Seb RYALL
3.Mark WARREN
5.Matt JURMAN
6.Nikola PETKOVIC
7.Brett EMERTON
8.Pedj BOJIC
10.Alessandro DEL PIERO
11.Richard GARCIA
13.Tiago CALVANO
15.Terry MCFLYNN
16.Joel CHIANESE
19.Nicky CARLE
20.Vedran JANJETOVIC (GK)
21.Yairo YAU
22.Ali ABBAS
27.Chris NAUMOFF
28.Matt THOMPSON,
Two to be omitted

Ins: 8.Pedj BOJIC, 15.Terry MCFLYNN.

Outs: Nil

Unavailable:, Rhyan GRANT (knee – long term), Peter TRIANTIS (groin - long term), Terry ANTONIS (thigh – long term), Corey GAMEIRO (knee – 2 weeks).

Victory Line Up

1.Nathan COE (GK)
2.Pablo CONTRERAS
3.Adama TRAORE
4.Nick ANSELL
5.Mark MILLIGAN (c)
6.Leigh BROXHAM
7.Gui FINKLER
10.Archie THOMPSON
11.Connor PAIN
13.Andrew NABBOUT
14.James TROISI
15.Mitch NICHOLS
16.Rashid MAHAZI
20.Lawrence THOMAS (GK)
23.Adrian LEIJER
24. Scott GALLOWAY
25. Jason GERIA
One to be omitted

Ins: 13.Andrew NABBOUT (promoted), 16.Rashid MAHAZI (promoted)

Outs: 9.Kosta BARBAROUSES (international duty)

Unavailable: Nil

CC Mariners v Brisbane Roar

Sun Nov 10 Bluetongue Stdm 5:00 PM

Mariners Line Up

1.Justin PASFIELD (Gk)
2.Daniel MCBREEN
3.Joshua ROSE
4.Marcel SEIP
5.Zachary ANDERSON
6.Brent GRIFFITHS
7.John HUTCHINSON (c)
8.Nick MONTGOMERY
9.Mitchell DUKE
10.Marcos FLORES
11.Nick FITZGERALD
12.Liam REDDY (Gk)
13.Hayden MORTON
16.Trent SAINSBURY
17.Anthony CACERES
18.Michael NEILL
19.Matt SIMON
21.Mile STERJOVSKI
Two to be omitted

Ins: 2.Daniel MCBREEN (returns from China), 13.Hayden MORTON (promoted), 17.Anthony CACERES (promoted), 18.Michael NEILL (promoted)

Outs: 14.Michael MCGLINCHEY (International Duty) , 15.Storm ROUX (International Duty)

Unavailable: 23.Adam KWASNIK (groin – 1 week)

Grand Final Preview after Rd 5?

Adrian Deans

The Mariners always start slowly.

A win and three draws is pretty good by Mariners' standards in the early season. Graham Arnold reckons they deliberately aim to start slow, physically, in order to build into the season without getting fatigued too early.

Looking back over the Arnie reign, there have always been some poor early results, but they always come good, so we have to assume he knows what he's doing.

But Round 5 is starting to get on a bit, and fighting resilience to claim a point is one thing – it's time to start logging some wins.

For that reason, the visit of Brisbane is poorly timed. They are playing formidable football and rightly lead the league. Without even master striker Besart Berisha at his disposal, Mike Mulvey has put together an excellent unit who are buzzing along like clockwork.

The form of Ivan Franjic has seen him selected in Ange Postecoglou's inaugural Socceroos squad, and the much maligned (from a left back Socceroos perspective) Matt McKay has been utterly sensational in recent weeks – playing in his preferred central midfield position.

It will be interesting to see how those two play – buoyed by return to the Socceroos fold – against the hugely impressive Mariners midfield led by Marcos Flores and Michael McGlinchey.

Once again, it is quite incredible what Arnie has done with another completely regenerated team. The Mariners are annually victims of their own success – losing all their best players but still managing to punch above their weight as they have done nearly every year since the League began. This year's models likely to move on in the off-season (or even January) are Trent Sainsbury (surprisingly left out of the Socceroos squad), Mitchell Duke (disappointed to be left out of the Socceroos) and maybe even Storm Roux – impressive enough at right back to be in the All Whites squad to take on Mexico for the last spot in Brazil.

One player who will be desperate to redeem himself after last week is Justin Pasfield, who has combined numerous world class saves this season with a couple of breathtaking errors. I hope he's not losing his concentration through uncertainty about his position because on his day he's an excellent A-League goalkeeper and ought to be entrenched as the Mariners' number 1.

Brisbane are in irrepressible form but the Mariners are really hard to beat – especially at home. This match has got draw written all over it, and even at this very early stage – I'll stick my neck out and say we're watching a Grand Final preview.

Adrian Deans is the author of Mr Cleansheets and more recently Straight Jacket – published by High Horse Books and available in all good book stores. www.adriandeans.com

The Odds	Head-to-Head
Mariners 2.27 Draw 3.40 Roar 3.30	Played 18 Victory 10 Phoenix 2 Draw 6

Referee: Ben Williams

Radio Broadcast: 92.5 ABC Central Coast, 612 ABC Melbourne, ABC Local Radio Victoria, Grandstand Digital, Online/Mobile phone app. Coast FM

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Kiss of Death Mariners 2-2 Brisbane

Roar Line Up

1.Michael THEO (gk)
2.Matthew SMITH (c)
5.Ivan FRANJIC
10.HENRIQUE
13.Jade NORTH
14.Diogo FERREIRA
15.James DONACHIE
17.Matt McKAY
18.Luke BRATTAN
19.Jack HINGERT
29.Matthew ACTON (gk)
22.Thomas BROICH
23.Dimitri PETRATOS
26.Corey BROWN
28.Brandon BORRELLO
29.Kwame YEBOAH

Ins: Nil

Outs: Nil

Unavailable: Shane STEFANUTTO (hamstring – two weeks), Besart BERISHA (hamstring – one week), Liam MILLER (calf – two weeks), George LAMBADARDIS (knee - season)

Short Passes

Nicole Sykes named as United Captain

Canberra United has announced that defender Nicole Sykes has been awarded the Captain's armband for Season Six of the Westfield W-League. The decision sees Sykes become only the third Captain in the club's history with Ellie Brush and Lydia Williams having had the honour of leading Canberra for the first five editions of the national women's competition.

Coincidentally when Sykes leads the team onto the pitch for the Round 1 match against Brisbane Roar this weekend she will be participating in her fiftieth match for United, becoming only the second player after Brush to achieve this monumental feat.

"I am delighted to have been afforded the honour of leading Canberra United for Season Six of the Westfield W-League." Sykes commented. "It's a huge privilege especially as it was voted for by the players. It means a huge amount to me as I care so passionately about Canberra United. To be able to step up and take more of a leadership role is something that I am very proud to do. I hope to be able to lead by example, bringing the team together on match day and ensure that the messages we have learned during the week are implemented during the match."

- RUSS GIBBS

Round 5: ASK THE EXPERTS

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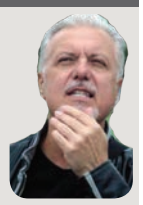
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Mariners
Last week: 4

No.1 Victory ticket holder

Eddie Krncevic 11
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Phoenix
Adelaide
Draw
Mariners
Last week:2

Former Socceroo

John Perin 11
WSW
Phoenix
Adelaide
Victory
Draw
Last week: 4

Hall of Fame Socceroo

Andy Harper 09
Heart
Phoenix
Adelaide
Sydney
Mariners
Last week: 4

NSL Champ / Fox Sports

Ross Alatsas 12
Heart
Phoenix
Adelaide
Sydney
Mariners
Last week: 4

GM Greek Media Group

Jimmy Campbell 11
Wanderers
Phoenix
Adelaide
Sydney
Mariners
Last week: 4

Former Socceroo

George Campbell 10
Wanderers
Draw
Adelaide
Sydney
Draw
Last week: 3

Sth Melb & NSL Legend

Jimmy Rooney 07
Draw
Phoenix
Draw
Victory
Mariners
Last week: 3

World Cup '74 Socceroo

Roger Sleeman 10
Wanderers
Draw
Adelaide
Victory
Roar
Last week: 3

Reigning Tipping Champ

John Doyle 08
Heart
Perth
Draw
Victory
Roar
Last week: 4

Original Captain Socceroo

Peter Katholos 11
Draw
Wellinghton
Adelaide
Victory
Draw
Last week: 4

Former Socceroo

Steve Blair 10
Draw
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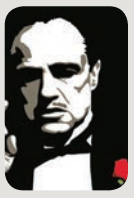
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The Australian roots of the FA

Football Firsts

Roy Hay

Sports historian Andy Mitchell has uncovered the Australian origins of a founder of English soccer.

It is an English institution, which in 1863 created the sport of association football. Yet, as the Football Association celebrates its 150th anniversary, new research has revealed that one of its founders was actually Australian.

When an invitation was published in London in the autumn of 1863 for club captains to define once-and-for-all a mutually agreeable set of rules, FH Moore was among the small group of men who gathered in the Freemasons' Tavern near Covent Garden. He was recorded in the minutes as one of two representatives of Blackheath Football Club, the other being FM Campbell.

That meeting on 26 October 1863, and five subsequent gatherings over a six week period, laid down the Laws of the Game for the first time. But what has never been realised is that Frederick Henry Moore was from Western Australia, and had only come to England to finish his education.

It is not known whether he first kicked a ball before leaving home, but during the 1850s, Australia's schools started playing each other at football, under hybrid rugby rules. In London, however, matches between schools or clubs were few and far between, because nobody could agree on a wide range of issues such as handling, charging, hacking and offside, not to mention the size of ball, dimensions of the field and methods of scoring.

There was a clamour for compromise, and 15 players are known to have attended that opening meeting, representing eight clubs and four schools. It was a valuable exercise which drew on the knowledge of players who had experience of a wide variety of football rules. While the perception is that they were Londoners, only five had been born in the capital and alongside Fred Moore the Australian there were also two Scots.

On the first night, Arthur Pember of No Names (Kilburn) was elected president, Ebenezer Morley of Barnes as secretary, and Blackheath's Francis Campbell became treasurer. That was the easy part; many hours were spent in lively and, at times, acrimonious debate before the laws of association football were eventually published in December.

Fred Moore and Francis Campbell were vocal advocates of the rules they knew and loved. But while there were initially some concessions to rugby influence, such as the 'fair catch' and a ban on forward passes, not everyone could accept the conclusions and they were ultimately outvoted. This marked the parting of the ways from Blackheath Football Club and their allies who insisted on the 'manly values' of rugby rules and could not accept the elimination of 'hacking'. The club resigned from the Football Association just weeks after paying the membership fee of one guinea, but they stuck to their principles and Blackheath later found itself in the unique position of also being a founding member of the Rugby Union in 1871.

By then, Fred Moore had long gone. He was born in 1839 at Oakover, the family farm and vineyard at Guildford in the Swan Valley, Western Australia. His father Samuel had emigrated from Ireland after the failure of a glass manufacturing business, and became a prominent businessman, with interests that included farming, cargo shipping and the chairmanship of the Western Australia Bank; but he died in 1849, leaving his wife to look after a young family.

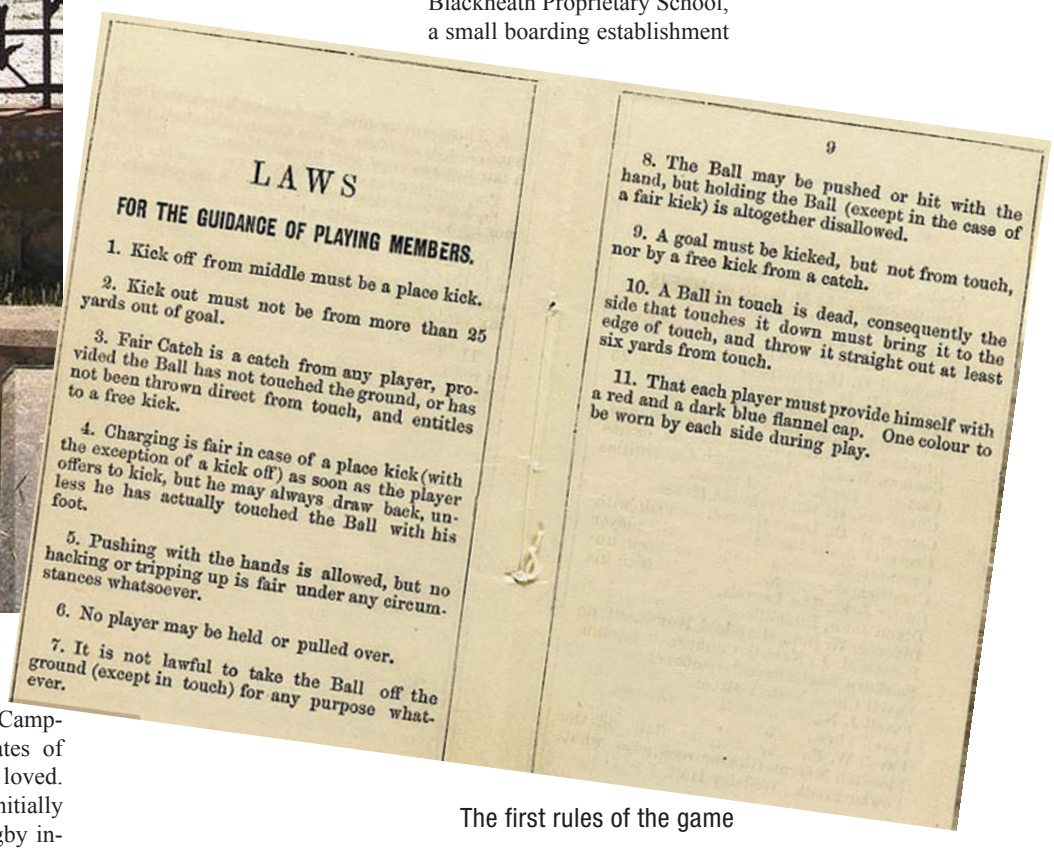
Fred had to grow up quick, and the following year, aged just 11, he took over the wine production on the farm, and showed a precocious talent in doing so. However, he needed a formal education and when he was 14 he was sent to Sydney, and from there to London, to finish his schooling. He went to Blackheath Proprietary School, a small boarding establishment in the suburbs, where the boys played a carrying game of football, an approximation of rugby rules. After he left, wanting to keep up his sport, in 1858 he was one of the founders of Blackheath Football Club, and in 1863 was appointed club captain, hence his involvement with the foundation of the FA.

The following year Fred was to leave England for good. Using the knowledge he had gained on the family vineyard, he worked a wine merchant in London with his uncle's company, Dalgety and Co, a growing import-export agency. In 1864, Dalgety & Co sent him to New Zealand and he spent the rest of his career with the company, based in Dunedin, Christchurch and Tasmania before settling in Sydney, where he became managing director and was a prominent NSW businessman, also director of Imperial Insurance and of the Union Bank of Australia. A man of broad interests and intellect, he was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a member of the Union Club in Sydney and of the Australian Jockey Club, but his early dalliance with soccer had no further influence on Australian sport.

He married twice, his first wife dying young, and lived to the age of 95, the last survivor of that historic meeting of the Football Association in 1863. He died in Hobart on 2 April 1934 and is buried in the town's Cornelian Bay Cemetery.

The Freemasons Arms, around the corner from the London headquarters of the Freemasons, is where the first soccer rules were agreed upon by the English FA in 1863.

Frederick Moore's grave in Hobart.



LAWS

FOR THE GUIDANCE OF PLAYING MEMBERS.

1. Kick off from middle must be a place kick.

2. Kick out must not be from more than 25 yards out of goal.

3. Fair Catch is a catch from any player, provided the Ball has not touched the ground, or has not been thrown direct from touch, and entitles to a free kick.

4. Charging is fair in case of a place kick (with the exception of a kick off) as soon as the player offers to kick, but he may always draw back, unless he has actually touched the Ball with his foot.

5. Pushing with the hands is allowed, but no hacking or tripping up is fair under any circumstances whatsoever.

6. No player may be held or pulled over.

7. It is not lawful to take the Ball off the ground (except in touch) for any purpose whatever.

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8. The Ball may be pushed or hit with the hand, but holding the Ball (except in the case of a fair kick) is altogether disallowed.

9. A goal must be kicked, but not from touch, nor by a free kick from a catch.

10. A Ball in touch is dead, consequently the side that touches it down must bring it to the edge of touch, and throw it straight out at least six yards from touch.

11. That each player must provide himself with a red and a dark blue flannel cap. One colour to be worn by each side during play.

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NYL Wrap

Tomasz Ng

The second week of National Youth League action saw more goals than in the first, as teams began to hit their stride having got their first matches out of the way.

Brisbane Roar kicked off the weekend's proceedings by hosting Melbourne Heart, and were left disappointed as a late header from Heart's Ben Garuccio stole the points for the visitors in a 2-1 victory.

Ross Archibald got the opener against his former side, finishing off a rebound after Nick Kalmar's free kick hit the crossbar.

Devante Clut, who had an impressive afternoon, scored the equaliser, and probably could've had more should his finishing been better.

Brisbane would have been disappointed to have lost because of two set pieces, but can take some pride in their performances so far, pushing both Melbourne clubs right to the end.

The result kept Heart in second place as Sydney FC made the most of their chances against Perth Glory to seal a 3-0 win away from home. Goals from Mitch Malia, Blake Powell and Alex Urosevski gave the Sky Blues something to smile about, especially considering the troubles surrounding the senior side.

Perth had plenty of chances of their own, but were unable to find even a consolation, with Brandon O'Neill in particular hitting the crossbar from range, summing up the afternoon for Perth Glory.

James Karvelis (Victory) beats Ben Warland (AIS) to the header. Luc Jeggo finishes third. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

They will be looking to turn their fortunes around and score their first goal of the season against the AIS, who were comfortably beaten 4-1 by Melbourne Victory.

While the scoreline was comprehensive, Victory coach Darren Davies was disappointed by the level of performance and suggested that his side can play even better.

It was almost pedestrian pace for much of the contest at Lakeside Stadium, as Andrew Nabbout scored another brace to command a first team spot when Barbarouses leaves for Mexico.

He was joined on the scoresheet by forgotten midfielder Jimmy Jeggo and new boy Anthony Duzel, scoring his first goal for Victory.

The AIS tried to get into the game, but lacked a cutting edge in the final third, but got a reward for their efforts when Darcy Madden scored a consolation.

At Marconi Stadium, Bruce Djite returned from injury to figure in a strong line-up for Adelaide United, but they were unable to defeat the Wanderers, as the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Jordan Elsey opened the scoring for Adelaide, but their lead was short lived as Lawrence Hanna equalised a mere two minutes later.

It was a close contest with the Wanderers finding themselves on top by the end, but they couldn't take the lead and picked up their first point of the season.

In the youth F3 derby, Newcastle claimed the bragging rights with a 2-1 home win over Central Coast.

Radovan Pavicevic opened the scoring by taking advantage of a Mariners defensive mix up to score Newcastle's first goal.

Mariners 'keeper David Bradasevic and Adrian Vlastelica were involved in a mix up, highly ironic given the mistakes which cost the senior side the night before.

Jesse Curran then struck back with a brilliant free kick, but the Mariners were again the architects of their own downfall when Josh Forbes headed a Newcastle free kick into his own net.

The result was far from secured for Newcastle in a nervy finish, and had 'keeper John Solari to thank for making sure they came away with the win.

It was a big result for Newcastle, who atoned for their loss against the AIS in the first round.

The Melbourne derby headlines next week's action, with both sides seemingly flying at the start of this season, it promises to be a cracker.

Results

Newcastle Jets 2
(Pavacevic 7, Forbes 25og)
Central Coast Mariners 1 (Curran)

Western Sydney Wanderers 1
(Lawrence Hanna '59)
Adelaide United 1 (Jordan Elsey '57)

Melbourne Victory 4
(Jeggo 5', Nabbout 28', 58', Duzel 75')
Australian Institute of Sport 1
(Madden 78')

Sydney 3 (Mallia 43, Powell 53, Urosevski 73)
Perth 0

Brisbane Roar 1 (Clut 73)
Melbourne Heart 2 (Archibald 54, Garuccio 90+4)

NYL Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 Sydney FC	2	2	0	0	4	0	4	6
2 Melbourne Heart	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
3 Melbourne Victory	2	1	1	0	7	4	3	4
4 AIS	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
5 Newcastle Jets	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
6 Adelaide United	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
7 Wanderers FC	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
8 Brisbane Roar	2	0	1	1	4	5	-1	1
9 CC Mariners	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
10 Perth Glory	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	0

Next Round

Mariners Youth Vs Sydney FC
Centre of Excellence
Sat 9 Nov KO 10:30am

Adelaide United Vs Newcastle Jets
Parra Hills
Sun 10 Nov KO 10:30am

AIS Vs Perth Glory
AIS, Canberra
Sun 10 Nov KO 12:00pm

Wanderers Vs Brisbane Roar
Marconi Stadium
Sun 10 Nov KO 4:10pm

Melb Victory Vs Melb Heart
Lakeside Stadium
Sun 10 Nov KO 5:45pm

Damien Miskulin (Victory) hurdles the tackle by Darcy Madden (AIS). Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

Jordan Elsey scores for Adelaide United in the 1-1 draw with Western Sydney Wanderers and celebrates with teammates accordingly. Photos: GEORGE MARIN

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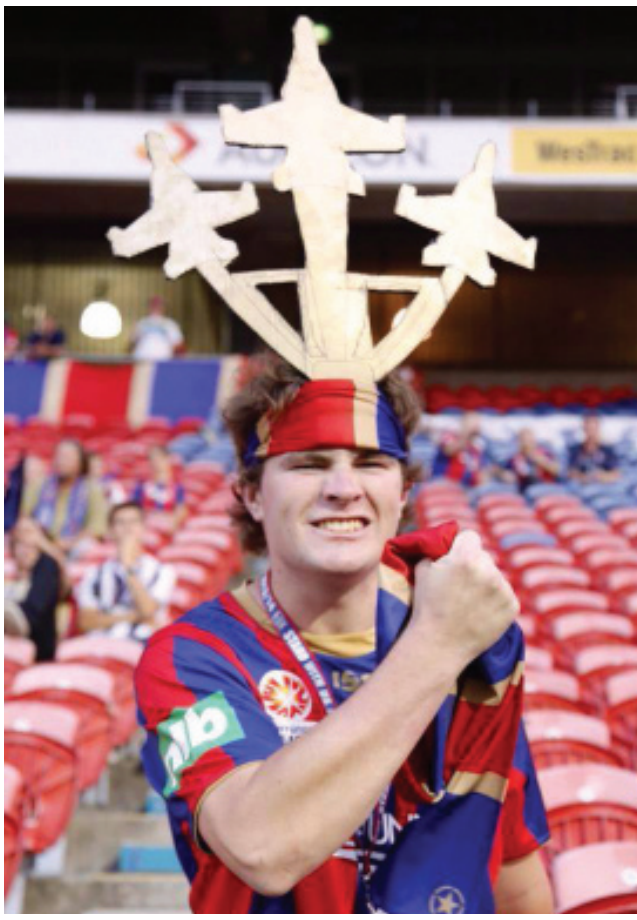

Aussie Stocks Rise In Overseas Markets

A massive month for our Aussies Abroad. A change to the national manager, and now we wait to see what Ange's first squad will look like. Fair to say that another 8-10 players may suddenly feel their claims for a ticket to Brazil have improved. Starting with club football, a healthy sprinkling of Aussies appearing week in and week out. Not all about the English Premiership though with Germany, Holland, Greece and Switzerland all popping up with Aussies appearing. Several competitions across Asia have completed their seasons, namely China and Thailand, while Japan and Korea have about a month to go. Another quiet month for transfers but the closing of the Asian season may see a few loan deals in the New Year. Seems like a long time back, but the Socceroos did appear against France and Canada during the past month.

Josh Kennedy

Timmy Cahill has been lethal in front of goals for Red Bulls

Transfers:- very low amount of transfer activity during October, with a little bit of movement in the lower English competitions.

Additions/changes to player database:
Alex Baird (14 Jan 1994) - transferred from Stockport Sports FC to Gateshead, England
Mitchell Davidson (13 Sep 1992) - transferred to Kaya FC, Phillipines
Jamie de Abreu (11 Dec 1990) - transferred to Team Wellington, New Zealand
Charlie Fuller (12 Aug 1995) - transferred to Balzan Youths, Malta
Sam Gallagher (5 May 1991) - transferred to IF Birkebeineren, Norway
Josip Konyit (29 Apr 1992) - transferred from CFR Cluj II to Trento Calcio, Italy
Jesse Martindale (24 Jul 1993) - transferred to Green Archers United, Phillipines
Srecko Mitrovic (19 Feb 1984) - transferred to Sabah, Malaysia
Eoghan Murphy (30 Jan 1995) - transferred to Sheffield Wednesday, England
Stefan Stanojevic (11 Feb 1994) - transferred from Metalac to FK Kolubara Lazarevac, Serbia
Brandon Wilson (TBC) - transferred to Burnley, England
Jamie Young (25 Aug 1985) - transferred to Hayes & Yeading FC, England

Removed from player database:
Terry Antonis (Parma) - deal cancelled, returned to Sydney FC
Scott Gannon (BA FC) – uncontracted, whereabouts unknown
Daniel McBreen (Shanghai SIPG) – loan return to Central Coast Mariners
Jovo Pavlovic (South China) – uncontracted, whereabouts unknown
Mario Simic (HNK Zmaj Makarska) – contracted ended, whereabouts unknown

Club Level:-
England (Premiership) – Mile Jedinak (Crystal Palace) continues to have played every minute this season for his club. They are struggling and now find themselves at the foot of the table. Club captain, Jedinak is talking about extending his contract. Mark Schwarzer made his Chelsea debut, keeping a clean sheet in a league cup tie against Arsenal. Brad Jones (Liverpool) and Chris Herd (Aston Villa) remain on the pine for their respective teams.

England (Championship) – a few good stories to come out of the Championship during October. Scott McDonald is finding his feet at new club Millwall, now up to 3 goals in 8 starts. Team mate Shane Lowry seems to have dropped out of favour a little with the manager after choosing not to restore him to the starting eleven since his red card in September. Adam Federici made another start for Reading but is struggling to replace Alex McCarthy. After being relieved of the Middlesbrough captaincy, hopefully now Rhys Williams can go from strength to strength.

England (League One) –Bailey Wright is yet to miss a minute for Preston North End this campaign, scoring a few goals too. His club are reaping the benefits as well as they challenge for the automatic promotion places but still a long way to go. James Meredith has a similar story to tell at Bradford City, also not missing a minute of the first 15 league games. Young midfielder Massimo Luongo (Swindon Town) has 5 goals in his 15 starts for the season, making an impressive start to the season. Youngster Bradden Inman has scored his debut goal for the season at Crewe Alexandria. James Wesolowski is back in the starting lineup at Oldham Athletic, making over a dozen appearances.

Germany (Bundesliga) – two starts in his nine leagues appearances marks mixed success for Robbie Kruse at Bayer Leverkusen. He has appeared in the Champions League, and his club is top three. Tough to break into such a solid starting eleven. Mitch Langerak continues on the bench at Dortmund.

Germany (2.Bundesliga) - Mathew Leckie's good form continues at FSV Frankfurt, having now scored 5 times in 12 starts. This form might be making life a little tougher for Nikita Rukavytsya who has one start in his seven appearances, but seems to be linking up with Leckie after being pushed up to attacking midfield

Netherlands (Eredivisie) – after missing a few games with a back injury, Tommy Oar has returned to the starting line-up at FC Utrecht. With the exception of his one-game suspension in August, Jason Davidson's hasn't missed a minute to this campaign at Heracles Almelo. That certainly makes this a breakout season for him and perfectly timed with the WC around the corner.

Netherlands (Eerste Divisie) - young striker Travis Cooper is now up to 10 appearances in all competitions for VVV Venlo.

Austria (Bundesliga) – James Holland also continues in the starting eleven at Austria Wien, but managed to get his first straight red in his professional career against Wiener Neustadt. Apparently a little unlucky too.

Belgium (Pro League) – Mat Ryan number has 6 clean sheets in his 14 appearances, having not missed a minute this season. Impressive start to his European career.

Scotland (Premier) - an interesting predicament for Hearts midfielder Dylan McGowan. He now starts every week in a team that has fallen into administration and looks set to be relegated at the end of the season. While over at Kilmarnock, Jackson Irvine celebrated his Socceroos debut by returning to his club to score a cracker.

Switzerland (Super League) –Dario Vidosic (FC Sion) has now managed 4 goals in his 8 ninety minute outings. Oliver Bozanic is also tracking well at Luzern, having scored 5 times in his 14 appearances.

Cyprus (1. Division) - Robert Stambolziev continues his solid run, 4 goals in 7 appearances. Strangely, all scored at home.

USA (MLS) - you can't keep a good man down. Having scored an impressive 12 goals in 28 appearances, taking his team to the playoffs, and scoring the fastest goal in MLS history. If the rumours surrounding Tim Cahill as the next Socceroo captain are true, we could do much worse. David Carney continues to get full games at left back for NY Red Bulls. Young midfielder Andy Rose has now made 8 appearances for the Seattle Sounders.

China (Super League) – with the league reaching its conclusion, worth noting some stats for the Aussies in this league Ryan McGowan (Shandong) 29 appearances for 2610 minutes, Eddy Bosnar (Guangzhou R&F) 13 appearances for 1137 minutes, Jonas Salley (Guizhou Renhe) 28 appearances for 2520 minutes, Michael Marrone (Shanghai Shenxin) 16 appearances for 1349 minutes and Erik Paartalu (Tianjin Teda) 30 appearances for 2654 minutes.

Japan (J League) - Josh Kennedy has taken his season tally to 11 goals at Nagoya Grampus. Lucas Neill (Omiya Ardija) has dropped out of the starting eleven.

India (I-League) - a bright start for Simon Colosimo (Dempo), having played every minute to date. While Sean Rooney's six goals in seven starts has him tied leader for the Golden Boot at Bengaluru FC

U.A.E (UFL) – of our Aussies in this league Brett Holman (Al Nasr) and Alex Brosque (Al Ain) were the most prominent during October.

Injuries:- as we build towards the World Cup, you have to be playing to get selected. Unfortunately the likes of Carl Valeri (Sassuolo) and Adam Sarota (FC Utrecht) are running out of time to impress. A few of the youngsters like Taylor Tombides (knee), Paul Katsetis (hernia) and Liam Graham (knee) have also been yet to appear this season.

Club Competitions:-
Europe
(UEFA Champions League) – group stages but a memorable month for our Aussies. James Holland saw 90 minutes on two occasions, Mitch Langerak got a start while Robbie Kruse came off the bench. Mark Schwarzer sat on the pine for Chelsea, but worth noting Tom Rogic did the same but against Barcelona and Ajax. Not a bad experience I would imagine!!
(UEFA Europa League) – no Aussies appeared.

Reserves and Youth:-
There continues to be a large Aussie contigent running around at the reserves/youth level. Brad Smith (Liverpool) has made a solid return from a knee injury. As has 16 year old George Mells who is running around for the Southampton U18's. Another young propect is Dominic Kurasik who is holding down the keeper position in the Stoke City U18's. Also a mention to young Tom Beadling who has now cemented his spot in the Sunderland U18's.While in Italy Chris Ikonimidis (Lazio) and Reno Piscopo (Inter Milan) continue to shine.

International level:- The France result led to a shake up in Australian football. Thank you to Holger for his efforts in getting us to WC2014, but time to look forward. Ange brings with him the prospect of reshaping the Socceroos squad. His remit is not only the World Cup, but also the Asian Cup in 2015. A great appointment and interesting times ahead. The Canada game saw minutes going into Langerak, Vidosic, Davidson, Leckie and Irvine. Some big decisions lay ahead.

Socceroo (capped) of the month – having transferred from Adelaide United to Sion in Switzerland, Dario Vidosic has hit the ground running. Playing ninety minutes each week, a sprinkling of goals, none better than his brace against Young Boys during October.
Sept – Cahill

Under (uncapped) - Melbourne born striker Billy Konstantinidis has been floating around the Greek leagues for over 8 years. He trialled unsuccessfully in Melbourne over the pre-season but took that in his stride. He signed with Panserraikos and is scoring at nearly a goal a game. At 27 years old, and 191 cm, might be worth a look.
Sept - Wilkinson

Young player (U21) of the month – an apparent unknown to many Australian fans, Sydney born defensive midfielder Steven Ugarkovic has now appeared 5 times in the senior Osijek squad in Croatia. He has made two appearances for Croatia U19's this year.
Sept - Ikonomidis

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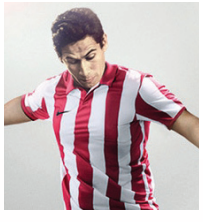
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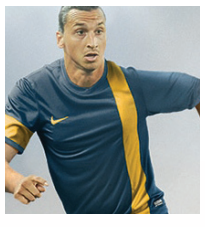
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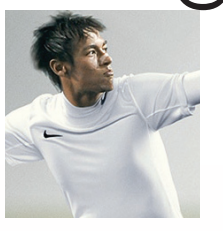
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AUSTRALIA'S 2013 NUMBER ONE NIKE TEAM WEAR SUPPLIER

Bayern and Athletico into Round of 16

Zenit St Petersburg 1 Porto 1

Zenit St Petersburg were left to rue Hulk's missed second-half penalty as they were held 1-1 by Porto at the Petrovsky Stadium.

Lucho Gonzalez put the home side ahead after 23 minutes, heading home Danilo's delivery from the right, with Hulk on hand to remind Porto of his quality three minutes short of the half hour, when he stole in to latch onto a loose ball, which Nicolas Otamendi, Eliaquim Mangala and goalkeeper Helton all failed to deal with.

The Brazilian was quickly onto Roman Shirokov's aimless pass before coolly dispatching his equaliser, although he spurned the chance to secure Zenit the points early in the second when his 52nd-minute penalty was saved.

Basel 1 Steaua Bucharest 1

Giovanni Sio netted in injury time to keep Basel's UEFA Champions League hopes alive with a 1-1 draw against Steaua Bucharest.

The 24-year-old, who had entered the field 21 minutes into the second half, dived onto a ball from Valentin Stocker in the dying stages to tap past Steaua goalkeeper Ciprian Tatarusanu and rob the Romanians of three points.

Ajax 1 Celtic 0

Lasse Schone kept Ajax's UEFA Champions League hopes alive as they gained revenge over Celtic 1-0 at the Amsterdam ArenA.

A fortnight ago Schone came off the bench to net a late consolation as the Scottish champions claimed a 2-1 Group H win at a raucous Celtic Park.

Another frustrating evening appeared to be in store for Frank de Boer's men after Celtic repelled wave after wave of first-half attacks, but Schone claimed the breakthrough with a wonderfully crafted 51st-minute goal.

Barcelona 3 Milan 1

Lionel Messi's brace put Barcelona on the brink of UEFA Champions League qualification after a 3-1 win over Milan.

The Argentina international had not scored in three games prior to the Group H clash, but he put the Catalan giants ahead after half an hour at the Camp Nou, scoring from the penalty spot after Neymar had been brought down by Ignazio Abate.

Sergio Busquets headed the home side further in front nine minutes later, when he got just enough contact on an inswinging set piece from Xavi to guide the ball home and register his second goal of the season.

Milan pulled one back a minute before the break courtesy of Gerard Pique's own goal - with Kaka's cross being diverted past Victor Valdes courtesy of a ricochet off the defender.

But Messi scored his second after 83 minutes, following good link-up play with Cesc Fabregas, as Barcelona moved five points clear at the top of their group and kept up their unbeaten home record.

Manchester City continue their recent scoring spree with another goal feast against CSKA.

Napoli 3 Marseille 2

Gonzalo Higuain scored twice as Napoli claimed a 3-2 come-from-behind win over Marseille in the UEFA Champions League on Wednesday.

Napoli moved a step closer to qualifying for the round of 16 with the win – their third from four Group F matches – at the Stadio San Paolo.

Andre Ayew headed Marseille into an early lead but they were pegged back by a stunning strike from Gokhan Inler.

Inler's left-footed volley from 20 yards was followed up by Higuain's first, a fierce strike from inside the area, and although Florian Thauvin levelled for the visitors, the Argentina international had the telling final say.

Higuain's tap-in with 15 minutes left saw Napoli move to second in their group, three points ahead of Dortmund, while the result dashed Marseille's unlikely hopes of reaching the next stage.

Atletico Madrid 4 Austria Vienna 0

Atletico Madrid marched into the last 16 of the Champions League with an impressive 4-0 win over Group G rivals Austria Vienna.

Miranda, Raul Garcia and Filipe Luis all struck before half-time and a persistent Diego Costa rounded off the win late on, having previously missed from the penalty spot.

Diego Simeone's side now have an unassailable seven-point lead at the top of the group and will play in the knockout stages for the first time since 2008/09, while Vienna are still seeking their first win.

Borussia Dortmund 0 Arsenal 1

Arsene Wenger hailed the maturity of his Arsenal side after they edged Borussia Dortmund 1-0 in the UEFA Champions League on Wednesday.

Aaron Ramsey scored his 11th goal for the season as Arsenal moved to the top of Group F with their third win from four matches.

Dortmund controlled the first hour, with Henrikh Mkhitaryan and Jakub Blaszczykowski going close, while Marco Reus had an effort disallowed for offside.

Arsenal withstood Dortmund's best though – last season's beaten finalists had 13 shots on goal to the four of their opponents – before claiming the victory thanks to Ramsey's 62nd-minute header.

Manchester City 5 CSKA Moscow 2

Alvaro Negredo scored a hat-trick as Manchester City beat CSKA Moscow 5-2 to reach the last 16 of the UEFA Champions League.

Argentina striker Sergio Aguero scored twice in the first half to become City's leading scorer of all time in European football and put them on course to qualify from Group D.

Aguero took his tally to nine goals in his last six games in the process and he then set up Negredo for a third goal before Seydou Doumbia pulled one back just before the break.

Spain striker Negredo added a fourth goal early in the second half before Doumbia added his second of the night from the penalty spot.

Negredo then completed his hat-trick in stoppage time as City qualified for the knockout stages, courtesy of their head-to-head record against the Russians.

Viktoria Plzen 0 Bayern Munich 1

Defending champions Bayern Munich limped into the UEFA Champions League round of 16 with a scrappy 1-0 win at Viktoria Plzen on Tuesday.

Pep Guardiola went into the game lamenting his side's recent struggles to dominate teams, and they once again failed to blow away the Czech champions, despite enjoying 72 per cent possession and raining 14 shots at goal.

Juventus 2 Real Madrid 2

Real Madrid put one foot in the UEFA Champions League round of 16 as a 2-2 draw at Juventus dented the Turin club's qualification hopes.

Carlo Ancelotti's side were on the back foot for the majority of the first half with Iker Casillas making a string of fine saves in the Group B encounter at Juventus Stadium.

Despite the efforts of Casillas, Real did fall behind shortly before half-time thanks to Arturo Vidal's penalty.

However, the Spanish side responded well after the break and grabbed a deserved equaliser through Cristiano Ronaldo's calm finish before stealing ahead when Gareth Bale slotted home.

Juventus refused to lie down and earned a share of the spoils thanks to Fernando Llorente's low header.

Real Sociedad 0 Manchester United 0

Manchester United were left to rue a succession of individual errors after being held 0-0 by Real Sociedad.

Robin van Persie missed a penalty and Marourane Fellaini was sent off as United saw their four-game winless run away from home in the UEFA Champions League continue.

The point was Real Sociedad's first of this season's competition and keeps their slim hopes of qualifying for the knockout stages alive given Bayer Leverkusen and Shakhtar Donetsk also drew.

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 Manc United	4	2	2	0	6	3	+3	8
2 B Leverkusen	4	2	1	1	8	5	+3	7
3 Shakhtar	4	1	2	1	3	5	-2	5
4 R Sociedad	4	0	1	3	1	5	-4	1

Shakhtar Donetsk 0 - 0 Bayer Leverkusen
Real Sociedad 0 - 0 Manchester United

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 Real Madrid	4	3	1	0	14	4	+10	10
2 Galatasaray	4	1	1	2	6	10	-4	4
3 København	4	1	1	2	3	8	-5	4
4 Juventus	4	0	3	1	6	7	-1	3

Juventus 2 - 2 Real Madrid
København 1 - 0 Galatasaray

Group C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 PSG	4	3	1	0	13	2	+11	10
2 Olympiakos	4	2	1	1	6	5	+1	7
3 Benfica	4	1	1	2	3	5	-2	4
4 Anderlecht	4	0	1	3	1	11	-10	1

PSG 1 - 1 Anderlecht
Olympiakos Piraeus 1 - 0 Benfica

Group D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 Bay München	4	4	0	0	12	1	+11	12
2 Man City	4	3	0	1	11	6	+5	9
3 CSKA Moskva	4	1	0	3	6	12	-6	3
4 Vik Plze	4	0	0	4	2	12	-10	0

Manchester City 5 - 2 CSKA Moskva
Viktoria Plze 0 - 1 Bayern München

Group E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 Chelsea	4	3	0	1	11	2	+9	9
2 Schalke 04	4	2	0	2	4	6	-2	6
3 Basel	4	1	2	1	4	4	+0	5
4 Steaua Buch	4	0	2	2	2	9	-7	2

Zenit 1 - 1 Porto
Basel 1 - 1 Steaua Bucuresti

Group F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 Arsenal	4	3	0	1	6	3	+3	9
2 Napoli	4	3	0	1	7	6	+1	9
3 Bor Dortmund	4	2	0	2	6	4	+2	6
4 Marseille	4	0	0	4	4	10	-6	0

Chelsea 3 - 0 Schalke 04
Borussia Dortmund 0 - 1 Arsenal

Group G

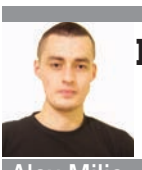
	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 Atl Madrid	4	4	0	0	12	2	+10	12
2 Zenit	4	1	2	1	3	4	-1	5
3 Porto	4	1	1	2	3	4	-1	4
4 Austria Wien	4	0	1	3	0	8	-8	1

Napoli 3 - 2 Olympique Mars…
Atlético Madrid 4 - 0 Austria Wien

Group H

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 Barcelona	4	3	1	0	9	2	+7	10
2 Milan	4	1	2	1	5	5	+0	5
3 Ajax	4	1	1	2	3	7	-4	4
4 Celtic	4	1	0	3	2	5	-3	3

Ajax 1 - 0 Celtic
Barcelona 3 - 1 Milan



Balkan Scene

Alex Milic

Red Star is only one point behind arch rivals Partizan following a 1:0 win in the 'Eternal Derby' which was overshadowed by crowd violence by the clubs respective so called fans which can be labelled as hooligans and nothing but disruptive to the game of football.

Early in the second half, Partizan fans hurled volleys of flares on to the athletics track of the Markana stadium in Belgarde, and as the seats in their tier had been removed before the match for safety reasons, they used whatever flammable plastic objects they could get to start a huge fire on the durable concrete blocks.

Referee Milorad Mazic halted play for 10 minutes as the billowing smoke threatened to choke the 40,000 spectators at Red Star's Marakana stadium and two fire trucks were quickly deployed to restore some normality to the fixture, which has a long history of crowd trouble.

Red Star, whose fans also set off loud fireworks and lit dozens of flares before kickoff, dominated the match but only won thanks to a bizarre own goal by Partizan defender Milan Obradovic, whose miscued header beat his own keeper Vladimir Stojkovic in the 18th minute.

Partizan fans cause mayhem at the Marakana

Both teams started the derby with cautious 4-2-3-1 formations and a breakthrough at either end looked unlikely, but it came from out of the blue as Obradovic's freak error threw the Red Star faithful into raptures.

Stojkovic parried a vicious Nenad Milijas free kick and a Partizan defender failed to clear the swerving rebound before 36-year-old right back Obradovic inadvertently headed it past his helpless keeper.

Red Star twice came close to doubling their lead in the first half when a dipping long-range shot by Milijas shaved the bar and Nigerian striker Abiola Dauda headed just wide of the far post from a superb cross by left back Nikola Mijailovic.

The former Red Star goalkeeper, Stojkovic, denied Red Star forward Filip Kasalica with an instinctive save in the 53rd minute and, as the tempo dropped after the delay, the home side held on comfortably in the closing stages.

"We were a bit fortunate to score but I think we held our own very well after the goal and could have had a couple more in what was a very tense match with plenty at stake," Red Star coach Slavisa Stojanovic told a news conference.

"It wasn't the best derby ever played and eye-catching moments were few and far between, but we really had to win and after taking the lead so early in the game we just couldn't take any risks."

Partizan coach Vuk Rasovic said: "We were disjointed and didn't play up to our potential, so we only have ourselves to blame for losing."

According to Nenad Borovcanin, senior Serbian sports official, The Serbian government must follow in Britain's footsteps in preventing football hooliganism. Borovcanin, a former professional boxer, made his comments after fan riots before and during Saturday's clash between Red Star and bitter rivals Partizan.

"The response of the state must be strong like the one Britain made when they removed the fences and replaced them with severe punishment for all offenders," the 34-year old secretary of sport told state television RTS on Monday.

"If the authorities are consistent and willing to deal with this problem there is no chance that what we saw on Saturday will happen again, but the government must show that it's stronger than hooligans," he said.

The violent scenes that blighted English football in the 1970s and 1980s have largely been eradicated with the advent of all-seater stadia in the Premier League era.

Dozens of fans were arrested in the Serbian capital as rival supporters clashed on the outskirts of Belgrade before kickoff, while play was held up for 10 minutes in the second half after Partizan fans lit a massive bonfire in their section.

Seats in the south tier had been removed before the game for safety reasons but that did not stop Partizan fans from creating a billowing cloud of smoke which filled the stadium, after they used whatever flammable objects they could get to start the fire.

It was an all too familiar scene in a fixture which has a long history of crowd trouble, with Red Star supporters burning seats in Partizan's stadium and pelting their team bus with rocks before the game in May, when 92 fans were arrested after they also fought running battles in the city.

In 1999, a Red Star supporter was killed by a propelled flare launched from Partizan's end into the away fans section.

Vojvodina missed an opportunity to move into top sport following a 2:2 draw at home to Radnicki Kragujevac after leading 2:0. They are also one point behind Partizan following eleven rounds of football in the Serbian SuperLiga.

Croatia

Former Slovenia national football team manager Matjaž Kek has signed a three-year contract extension with HNK Rijeka, keeping him at the club until June 2017.

The 52-year-old joined Rijeka in March 2013, "In life there are some easy and some tough decisions. For me, this was the easiest one. I feel great here. I want to thank the club for wanting me to stay. This is a big responsibility and challenge for me. That's why there was no doubt in my decision. I am sure we can achieve some great results together," said Kek.

Kek brought UEFA Europa League group-stage football to Rijeka for the first time in the club's history, while they are currently four points behind league leaders GNK Dinamo Zagreb and two behind HNK Hajduk Split after 15 games in the Croatian title race. Rijeka have one point from three matches in UEFA Europa League Group I but can leap back into contention to qualify with a home victory against Olympique Lyonnais.

Melb Uni in control; 'Roys & Vale keep pace with Vipers

PEPSI Women's WVLP

Melbourne University Futsal Club 6-1 Ashburton Women's Futsal Club
MU - M.Marques 5, L.Sammut
ASH - N.Mackie

To kick off the only game of Round 6 this week ladder leaders Melbourne Uni took on a rejuvenated Ashburton. In typical Melbourne fasion they got 2 early goals and sat on that lead going into half time leading 2-0 and looking ever more like the team to beat this season.

The second half was much of the same with Francis Land saving anything that slipped through Melbourne's defence (As well as a helping hand from the post) Ashburton never really looked as if they were going to trouble Melbourne and even when they felt they were taking some momentum away Melbourne superstar Marques banged in 4 second half goals to take her tally to 5 for the night and finish off Ashburton with Naomi Mackie getting Ashburton's only goal for the night. Marques was once again the star of the show as she looks this season's front runner for MVP as for Ashburton they have failed to beat anyone in the top 4 as they will need to improve if they are to crack the top 4 this season.

Player Of The Game - Marcella Marques (Melbourne Uni FC)

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Metropolitan Futsal Club 3-6 Pascoe Vale Futsal Club
MFC - E.Simsek, A.Redzepovic, D.Redzepovic
PVFC - A.Caro 2, R.Armellini 2, L.Kruel, S.Soufi

Next up a top 4 clash was on the card Metropolitan taking on Pascoe Vale. It was last seasons champions who got off to the better start racing out to a 3-0 lead. Late in the half Metropolitan pulled 2 goals back to keep them in the contest.

The second half was a much more heated contest as Metro fought for an equaliser but they were thwarted by quick goals from Caro & Armellini blew the game out. Dino Redzepovic dragged one back but as the game looked done and dusted Adam Husseni was sent off for a second bookable offence flooring Soufi and they took full advantage as Soufi finished them off to end an eventful night at the office that keeps Pascoe Vale in touch with the undefeated Vipers.

Man Of The Match - Robert Armellini (Pascoe Vale FC)

Fitzroy celebrate Angelo Fuscas' match sealing goal.

Juso Julardzija (Front) was in unstoppable form on his way to bagging 5.

2013/14 NIKE Men's VLP

Fitzroy Futsal Club 3 - 0 Hume Futsal Club
FTZ: A. Fusca, M. Burton, J. Ortiz

The first game to kick off Round 7 saw a depleted Fitzroy, without Fernando, Ale Granollers and the Monteleone brothers go up against a full strength Hume outfit who welcomed their returning star Vadim Mazurskiy. With only one available sub on the bench, it was no surprise that the first half ended in a 0-0 stalemate. Although it's fair to be said that Hume number one Ryan Timmins was the busier of the to keepers. The second half was shot into life as two quick goals from Fitzroy's Mark Burton and Jeremy Ortiz put their side well in control to completely stun Hume. Vadim Mazurskiy did his best to get his side back into the game hitting the foot of the post on two occasions, but a late goal from Ange Fusca put the result beyond any doubt. A very disciplined and organised display of futsal by Todd Miles' lads, playing the smarter game and stiffled Hume's fifth-man power play with aplomb.

Man of the Match: Mark Burton (Fitzroy)

In form Marcella Marques (Blue) dinks Ashburton keepr Mel Lum (Yellow) on her way to a 5 goal haul.

2013/14 NIKE Men's VLP

Ashburton Futsal Club 6 - 8 Metropolitan Futsal Club
ASH: R. Castro 3, S. Gustus 2, R. Ferguson
MET: J. Julardzija 5, E. Simsek, T. Grgic, D. Redzepovic

The second game on the card for Round 7 saw Ashburton and Metropolitan go head to head for a place in the top four. After what was predicted as a tight affair between two of the leagues emerging clubs, Metro's bullish striker Juso Julardzija - in his second game back to league action - put his side in control at the break with a bag of four while Tomo Grgic added a single. The Royal Blues continued their dominance of Ashburton into the second half as Julardzija nabbed his fifth and singles from Dino Redzepovic and Ernie Simsek all but sealed the win. After looking like having a quiet evening, Ashburton's leading man Ricky Castro headed a late comeback with a hat trick while youngster Stephen Gustus added a double to make the deficit a mere two goals.

Man of the Match: Juso Julardzija (Metropolitan)

Standings

NIKE V-LEAGUE Premiership

	P	W	L	B	D	F	A	FD	Pts
1 Vic Vipers FC	5	5	0	0	0	35	16	+19	15
2 Fitzroy FC	6	4	1	0	1	30	24	+6	13
3 Pascoe Vale FC	5	4	1	0	0	34	15	+19	12
4 Metropolitan FC	7	4	3	0	0	49	35	+14	12
5 Ashburton FC	7	2	3	0	2	38	43	-5	8
6 Hume FC	6	2	3	0	1	34	27	+7	7
7 Mickleham FC	6	1	5	0	0	25	49	-24	3
8 Albert Park FC	6	0	6	0	0	20	56	-36	0

Pepsi Womens WV-LEAGUE

	P	W	L	B	D	F	A	FD	Pts
1 Melbourne Uni FC	6	6	0	0	0	40	8	+32	18
2 FC Richmond	5	3	1	0	1	31	19	+12	10
3 Pascoe Vale FC	5	3	2	0	0	29	10	+19	9
4 Fitzroy FC	5	3	2	0	0	15	28	-13	9
5 Ashburton FC	6	2	3	0	1	23	38	-15	7
6 Vic Vipers FC	5	1	2	0	2	18	17	+1	5
7 EfA Eagles	5	1	4	0	0	12	30	-18	3
8 Heidelberg FC	5	0	5	0	0	9	27	-18	0

State League Championship

	P	W	L	B	D	F	A	FD	Pts
1 CF Brunswick	7	7	0	0	0	50	25	+25	21
2 Moreland F.C	7	4	2	0	1	36	31	+5	13
3 FC Balwyn	6	4	2	0	0	37	24	+13	12
4 FC Carlton	7	3	2	0	2	38	27	+11	11
5 Brimbank FC	7	3	3	0	1	41	50	-9	10
6 FC Northcote	6	3	3	0	0	28	29	-1	9
7 FC Melbourne	7	1	6	0	0	34	41	-7	3
8 FC Essendon	7	0	7	0	0	21	58	-37	0

State League One

	P	W	L	B	D	F	A	FD	Pts
1 FC Collingwood	8	6	2	0	0	42	21	+21	18
2 Brighton FC	8	5	1	0	2	40	20	+20	17
3 FC Hawthorn	8	4	3	0	1	36	24	+12	13
4 C.F South Melb	8	4	3	0	1	34	30	+4	13
5 FC Prahran	8	3	2	0	3	32	26	+6	12
6 Toorak FC	8	3	4	0	1	28	35	-7	10
7 Coburg Athletic	8	2	6	0	0	23	46	-23	6
8 FC Footscray	8	1	7	0	0	25	58	-33	3

State League Two

	P	W	L	B	D	F	A	FD	Pts
1 Doncaster FC	7	7	0	0	0	38	16	+22	21
2 FC Preston	7	5	2	0	0	30	24	+6	15
3 Mcleod FC	7	4	2	0	1	36	31	+5	13
4 FC Geelong	7	3	4	0	0	51	29	+22	9
5 FC Richmond	7	3	4	0	0	37	45	-8	9
6 EFA Eagles	7	2	4	0	1	33	33	+0	7
7 Elsternwick FC	7	2	5	0	0	23	30	-7	6
8 FC St Kilda	7	1	6	0	0	26	43	-17	3

NEXT WEEK'S CLASHES

FRIDAY - 8th November
8:00pm - Heidelberg FC vs Pascoe Vale FC (Womens)
8:45pm - Pascoe Vale FC vs Fitzroy FC (Mens)
9:45pm - Fitzroy FC vs Vic Vipers FC (Womens)

SUNDAY - 10th November
5:00pm - Mickleham FC vs Fitzroy FC (Mens)
6:00pm - Metropolitan FC vs Hume FC (Mens)
7:00pm - Vic Vipers FC vs Albert Park FC (Mens)
8:00pm - Pascoe Vale FC vs Ashburton FC (Mens)

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TWEETS OF THE WEEK

Compiled by Roy Skillen

In the English Premier League, we have a clear leader at the top. After a 2-0 home win over an inform Liverpool, Arsenal, (of all clubs) have opened up a five point gap thanks in no small part to their classy looking midfield. The summer mega signing of the little maestro Mesut Ozil has certainly lifted the gooners who have had to make do with selling their big name stars in recent years. The form of the German international has left many questioning the decision of Real Madrid to sell such a talent even with the hefty fee they received. But if anybody was in any doubt about his impact in Spain just look at his now famous love child.

101 Great Goals @101greatgoals
1 Nov
Funny!

A Spanish kid gets to be famous Because he is a doppelganger of Arsenal's Mesut Ozil http://www.101greatgoals.com/blog/a-spanish-kid-gets-to-be-famous-because-is-a-doppelganger-of-arsenals-mesut-ozil/ …

As for the A-League, there has been a lot of controversy surrounding the injury of Melbourne Heart captain, Harry Kewell, who has missed a number of weeks for apparent whiplash. But it seems as though one crafty fan has discovered the real reason behind the former Socceroo's absence.

David Manuca @davidmanuca
3 Nov
A helicopter crashed just outside AAMI Park yesterday. Just found out who was the pilot..

The other big talking point of the league has been the new playing style of Adelaide Utd. The former Barcelona youth coach Josep Gombau has tried his best to implement a fast paced possession type game, apparently along side making a new movie.

Looks like it could be worth a watch but this is just wrong.

Kevin Muscat finally fulfilled his destiny by taking charge of Melbourne Victory on a two-year contract after Ange Postecoglou left to take up his role with the Socceroos. Kevin is certainly taking his role seriously. He has been talking up his mentorship under Ange to anybody who will listen and even looks very dapper in his new managerial suit. Although the boys at South Melbourne don't seem to think he looks all that hot.

Mike @smfcmike
21h
#LOL @ Muscat wearing a suit. Can't polish a turd!! #MVCvWEL #aleague #foxfootball #sbstwg

Despite his critics you simply can't argue with Kevin Muscat's 100% coaching record. Melbourne Victory looked good value for their 3-2 win over Wellington in a match that saw Archie Thompson stem his violence against corner flags with a very interesting new goal celebration.

The weekends games did see another fantastic match up involving Western Sydney whose fans continue to lead the way when it comes to creating an atmosphere. But one twitter troll wasn't very impressed.

Ezequiel Trumper @EzequielTrumper
1 Nov
#WSWvADL I wish fans at least knew that most of @wswanderersfc songs are a straight rip off from Argentine chants from way back. Translated.

Better than choking on prawn sandwiches like those in the blue half of Sydney I recon.

Oh yeah and what does Kolo Toure think he is playing at?

Boo's World

Mark Boric

It was interesting to hear some of the talkback callers on Melbourne radio's 1116 SEN last week on the day Kevin Muscat was appointed as Melbourne Victory's new coach. Many were of the belief that as a player who played the game to the limits, and beyond, of the allowed physicality that he would be transforming the team into what they would call a "pack of hacks". Clearly the combative aggression he displayed on the park has overshadowed most of his virtues, being an excellent reader of the game and a better than average passer of the ball. It's probably not suprising that radio talkback callers can get caught up in massive generalistaions and stereotyping, but unless he makes a move to sign Jerome Polenz from Western Sydney Warriors I don't think Victory fans should be too concerned.

This week it was a different topic on SEN that caught my attention, an interview with Dave Samson, President of the Miami Marlins of the Major League Baseball National League. When asked what was the biggest challenge facing his side, he said it was the fact that "we stink". Losing over 100 games in their past season, a lack of on-field success was reflected with diminishing attendances. His blunt honesty was welcomed by numerous takback callers and SMS feedback, and was in stark contrast to that of Melbourne Heart coach John Aloisi following their weekend loss to Brisbane Roar.

Heart did have the better of the first half, but an inability to convert this to the scoreboard was punished when Brisbane lifted their intensity after the break and claimed another scalp. There can be narrow defeats, and gallant defeats but in the end they are just losses. Aloisi's post-match praise for his team efforts rubbed many the wrong way because a team without a win for the season, and no history of success really needs to demand more from it's playing group if it is ever to incease the very small niche it has in the Victorian football landscape

Roar captain Matt Smith didn't hide his displeasure at his side's poor first half in the pitchside interview at the start of the break. Whilst it was good to see some genuine emotion rather than the usual bland cliches, these interviews really need to be given the flick. They generally give very little insight, and clearly are an annoyance to the players who have more important matters on their mind. What will it take for the axe to fall? A interviewer being physically brushed aside? An F-Bomb? A C-Bomb? It's also a joke that the FFA can allow these interviews to take place when it would fine or suspend a player who honestly aired an opinion on the standard of refereeing.

A-League referees are not having the best of seasons, a new low-light being reached with a free-kick awarded for a player ruled offside after a throw-in. There's a danger of becoming a laughing stock as Fox Sports captures all these errors which would go un-noticed in park football where you would expect they may occur.

Is BHP closing their steelworks in Newcastle back in 1999 the reason why the fences at Hunter Stadium are not up to scratch? The Jets v Mariners game saw the second time I've seen the perimiter fence give way under over-exuburant goal celebrations. The Jets fans have had little to cheer about so far this season. It would have been nice had Ljubo Milicevic had been amongst them, and upon stumbling onto the pitch taken the opportunity to take the ball and dribble it until disposessed or assualted by security guards.

Congratulations to Mark Schwarzer as drew the curtain on one of the all-time great Socceroo careers. Whilst a new broom needs to go through the team, it's probably not the area that needed most attention. It's a shame that he felt it was time call his international retirement when at season's end he may still be our keeper performing most regularly at the highest level.

AGAINST ALL ODDS

A-League Title 2013/14

Wanderers	4.50
Central Coast Mariners	5.50
Brisbane Roar	4.75
Melbourne Victory	4.75
Adelaide United	9.00
Perth Glory	15.0
Sydney FC	15.0
Melbourne Heart	17.0
Newcastle Jets	19.0
Wellington Phoenix	21.0

Great Scott

Steven Scott

As I write this week's column, I'm still in a state of shock at the news that Mark Schwarzer has retired from international football and we will no longer get to see him pull on the Socceroos' jersey.

Despite the fact he is 41 and approaching the end of his career, the sudden announcement of his retirement still took me by surprise. I guess I had it in my mind he would be protecting the onion bag for the Socceroos in Brazil at next years' World Cup.

Schwarzers' career, both for clubs he has represented and in the Socceroos' jersey has been a decorated one. He is arguably one of the best players to ever represent the Socceroos'. He retires holding the record as being the most capped Socceroo, racking up 109 games as a Socceroo in 19 years of representation.

His highlights as a Socceroo include playing at both the 2006 and 2010 World Cups and the 2007 and 2011 Asian Cups, including a runners-up medal at the 2011 Asian Cup.

His highlights stretch beyond his international career, having had success at several of the clubs he has represented.

The majority of his career highlights took place have taken place whilst he has played his football in England, representing two of the lower profile clubs, Middlesbrough and Fulham.

Schwarzer was part of the Middlesbrough teams that lost back to back English League Cup finals in 1996/97 and 1997/98. The first final was lost 1-0 to Ipswich Town in a replay and the second to Chelsea with a 2-0 score line.

Schwarzer collected a winner's medallion when Middlesbrough recorded a 2-1victory over Bolton in the 2003/04 English League Cup final.

Schwartzer collected a further 2 runners up medallions, this time in the UEFA Cup. He received his first European medal when Middlesbrough lost the 2005/06 to Spanish team Sevilla 4-0 in the final.

Schwarzer's second runners up medal in Europe came in the 2009/10 UEFA Cup final when Fulham lost to Atletico Madrid, 2-1.

With Schwarzer retiring, the questions on many Soccer fans lips is who will be given the honour of filling the big shoes left to be filled by Schwarzer. And newly appointed Soccer coach Ange Postecoglou has a strong field of goalkeepers to choose from.

Among those players in consideration for the position are Borussia Dortmund's Mitch Langerak, Liverpool's Brad Jones, Adelaide's Eugene Galekovic, Reading's Adam Federici and Club Bruges' custodian Matt Ryan.

Schwarzer will continue his playing career at Chelsea's as their reserve keeper but is out of contract at the end of the year.

Who can ever forget 16th November 2005. Mark Schwarzer performed heroics in the penlaty shoot-out against Uruguay and the Soocerros were finally off to a World Cup after over 30 years of trying.

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Brazil Pick Robinho After Two Year Absence

Latin Wrap

Francis Fields

AC Milan forward Robinho was the surprise choice this week when coach Luiz Felipe Scolari named Brazil's squad to face Honduras and Chile in friendlies next week.

The mercurial former Manchester City player, who has scored 28 goals in 84 games for Brazil, was recalled after a two-year absence and will travel to North America for the two matches as the host nation continue their build-up to the 2014 World Cup.

Robinho has returned to his old form this season and although he only has three goals in 13 appearances for Milan, his all-round play has improved.

Chelsea winger Willian and 19-year-old central defender Marquinhos of Paris St Germain were also included in the squad but Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Sandro was left out after only just returning to Premier League action after injury.

Kaká, who has also shown signs of a return to form at AC Milan, missed out. Scolari called up 22 players, only two of whom play their football in Brazil.

With the domestic championship in its final weeks, the coach said he deliberately avoided taking too many players from the local clubs.

Atletico Mineiro goalkeeper Victor will start the first game against Honduras, said Scolari. Victor and fellow goalkeepers, Botafogo's Jefferson and Diego Cavalieri of Fluminense are vying for two World Cup spots alongside first-choice Júlio César.

Brazil take on Honduras in Miami, US on November 16 before meeting Chile in Toronto, Canada three days later.

Robinho has expressed delight in returning for Brazil

MARKARIAN RESIGNS FOR PERU

Sergio Markarián has turned down an offer to stay on as Peru coach after they failed to qualify for next year's World Cup in Brazil.

The 68-year-old has previously coached clubs in Paraguay, Chile and Peru, winning domestic titles in all three countries, as well as Greece and Mexico.

He led Paraguay through 2002 World Cup qualifying but was then sacked and replaced by Italian Cesare Maldini for the finals.

During his spell in Greece, where he coached Ionikos, Panathinaikos and Iraklis, he was known for grinding out low-scoring wins.

Peru, who have not qualified for a World Cup since 1982, finished seventh in the nine-team South American qualifying group with 15 points from 16 games. They managed only one point in eight games away from home.

Their most impressive performance under Markarián was at the Copa América in 2011 where they reached the semi-finals.

MUSLERA OUT FOR URUGUAY

Uruguay goalkeeper Fernando Muslera will miss the first leg of their intercontinental World Cup playoff against Jordan next week due to injury.

Muslera, who plays for Galatasaray in Turkey, suffered a fractured toe on Sunday and will miss the match on November 13, but Paris St Germain striker Edinson Cavani, who is nursing a pulled leg muscle, was included in the 24-man squad announced on Tuesday.

Uruguay would fly to Istanbul and begin their preparations on Saturday before moving to Amman next Monday for the first leg, the Uruguayan FA said on its website.

The return leg will be played in Montevideo a week later with the winners taking a berth at the 2014 World Cup finals in Brazil.

SABELLA'S LATEST CALL-UP

Argentina coach Alejandro Sabella has named two uncapped defenders in his squad for friendlies in the United States against Ecuador and Bosnia later this month.

Fiorentina's Facundo Roncaglia and Lucas Orbán of Girondins Bordeaux in the French Ligue 1 were called up as Sabella looks to shore up a defence that has been frequently exposed by the counter-attack ahead of next year's World Cup finals.

Sabella also recalled Porto centre back Nicolás Otamendi, a member of Diego Maradona's 2010 World Cup squad in South Africa who won the last of his 15 caps under Sabella in a 1-0 qualifier defeat away to Venezuela two years ago.

Pele: I wanted Costa to play for Brazil

Brazil legend Pele has revealed he wanted Diego Costa to represent his country, rather than Spain.

The Atletico Madrid forward, who appeared in two friendlies for Brazil earlier this year, had been at the centre of a dispute over which country he should play for, having attained dual nationality in Spain.

He eventually chose to play for the world champions, and while Pele has admitted he is disappointed, he called on his countrymen to respect Costa's decision.

"It's a matter of patriotism. I wanted him to represent Brazil, but maybe he wouldn't have even been in the starting XI," he said.

"If he felt discredited in Brazil then his attitude was right. I think we have to respect his decision.

"He tried to explain that he hasn't been recognized for some time and for that reason took the decision to play for Spain. He was courageous and I understand.

"He is another player that could have represented Brazil. I have the impression that he made the right decision given that he hasn't been recognized in Brazil."

Costa - who has scored 15 goals in 13 games in all competitions for Atletico this season - could make his first Spain appearance in the friendly against South Africa on November 19.

Soccerex cancelled due to Rio unrest

Organisers of the Soccerex Global Convention have confirmed the upcoming event in Rio de Janeiro has been cancelled due to civil unrest.

The decision, made by the Rio de Janeiro State Secretary of Sport, was revealed by Soccerex on Tuesday and is likely to raise more questions over safety ahead of next year's FIFA World Cup in Brazil.

Soccerex have notified the Rio State Government of their intention to initiate legal proceedings in order to seek compensation.

The annual conference, which brings together key figures in the game from across the globe, was due to be held at the iconic Maracana Stadium - the venue for the 2014 World Cup final - from November 30 to December 5.

A Soccerex statement said: "Preparations for the event at the Maracana Stadium were well advanced with content planned, speakers confirmed and partnerships in place.

"To be summarily cancelled in such a cavalier fashion, having hosted 33 events over five continents is extremely frustrating but nevertheless it has happened and is in contravention of all of the contractual obligations of the Rio State Government, who have been notified of our intention to instigate legal proceedings for substantial compensation."

Protests were held during this year's Confederations Cup in Brazil, mainly over the cost of hosting the World Cup when some Brazilians feel the money should be spent on health, education and transport.

Soccerex chief executive Duncan Revie said: "On behalf of all at Soccerex, I would like to apologize to every business, football club, league, federation and media organisation affected by this news.

"This unique and cruel conclusion to our time in Rio was completely out of our hands and everyone who has attended a Soccerex event over the last 18 years will know this is not how we do business.

"We must look forward now to 2014, to our new event calendar and the Global Convention in Manchester."

Suarez 'happy' at Liverpool

Luis Suarez has played down speculation linking him with a January transfer to Real Madrid by insisting he is happy at Liverpool.

The Uruguay international was involved in a protracted saga regarding his future in the close-season as he agitated for a move to a club in the UEFA Champions League.

Liverpool's Premier League rivals Arsenal had two bids rejected for the striker, while La Liga giants Real were also said to be interested in his services.

Rumours persist that Real will launch a move for Suarez in the next transfer window as manager Carlo Ancelotti seeks to boost his side's firepower further following the world-record capture of Gareth Bale in September.

However, the 26-year-old - who has scored six goals in five Premier League appearances since returning from suspension - has indicated he is satisfied with life on Merseyside as Liverpool bid to return to the Champions League.

"I know nothing of any interest from Real Madrid, and I am happy with Liverpool," Suarez told Uruguayan radio station Sport 890.

"In the team we are all really excited, and looking forward to a good season. We have been at the top so far and we are still aiming at the top.

"We believe in the team and we believe we can have a really good season - an exciting season.

"The Premier League is the best league there is - the stadiums, the atmosphere and the fans make football here so entertaining."

Suarez's public desire to leave Anfield led to Liverpool boss Brendan Rodgers ordering him to train away from the rest of the first-team squad for a short period.

However, the former Ajax captain has revealed that the support of his team-mates and the Liverpool fans has had a major impact on helping him feeling settled at the club once again.

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Chelsea feels the blues

After the final whistle, there was a waiting period to see what Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho would say about why his side lost 2-0 to Newcastle United.

Would he blame the terrible weather? That Newcastle were lucky? Or that they were the better team on the day and failed to capitalise?

But Mourinho went straight to it: he blamed himself for selecting a poor team and his players for not executing the game plan. He was straight and honest, and more importantly, he was right. This was Chelsea's worst performance of the season.

"The result is a consequence of one team that was not there," said the Chelsea boss.

"I feel I made 11 mistakes. Of course I'm exaggerating, we had some guys with normal good performances but the overall feeling is I made 11 bad choices. It was a really bad performance from us. In the first 45 minutes we played as if it was a friendly.

"Everything was lacking. We had lots of space in the first half, it was an easy half to play but we didn't play. We had the ball and space but we weren't aggressive. We lost the ball during very simple transitions and were not intense. We deserved to lose."

Of those 11 mistakes, the decision to select Juan Mata, Edin Hazard and Oscar as the attacking trio was a surprise. Many have cited that the three can't play together, because they lack defensive duties and all three are similar players, in terms of what they can produce.

A scintillating second half by the Magpies ended Chelsea's 6 match run

Hazard and Mata are known to start out on the wings, before drifting in field. With Oscar in the middle, Chelsea flooded the centre of the pitch, narrowing their play, but they lacked any true width. With the fullbacks unwilling to push forward, this made them look one-dimensional in attack.

So the surprise is why Mourinho selected the trio in the first place. The idea it seemed was that Newcastle was in patchy form, with a leaky defence. The trio should have technically carved them up, but Alan Pardew played his cards just right.

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Lining up in 4-4-2, Pardew was happy to contain the Blues in the first period, before trying to sniff out a winner in the second. They got two thanks to Yoan Gouffran and Loic Remy.

"We were a bit conservative at first," Pardew said. "But we knew we could put them under pressure in the second half, we did and it worked."

"Yohan [Cabaye] executed it on the money and Gouff connected brilliantly," Pardew said.

"I felt confident we could win from that point. We've been playing well lately but we got the break today. We've got quality and if we keep this work rate up we've got a chance of having a good season."

The pressure has been building at St. James' Park in recent weeks after Newcastle's average start to the season. The 2-1 loss to Tyneside rivals, Sunderland last weekend, coupled with owner Mike Ashley banning three local newspapers from games, has seen fans reach boiling point.

But credit should be handed to Pardew, who has managed to keep a cool face in these troubled times. He'll be hoping that Newcastle can continue the dose when it faces Tottenham next week.

ENGLAND EPL

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1 Arsenal	10	8	1	1	22	9	+13	25	W W W D W
2 Chelsea	10	6	2	2	16	8	+8	20	L W W W D
3 Liverpool	10	6	2	2	17	10	+7	20	L W D W W
4 Tottenham Hotspur	10	6	2	2	9	5	+4	20	D W W L D
5 Manchester City	10	6	1	3	28	11	+17	19	W L W W L
6 Southampton	10	5	4	1	11	4	+7	19	D W D W W
7 Everton	10	5	4	1	14	10	+4	19	D W W L W
8 Manchester United	10	5	2	3	17	13	+4	17	W W D W L
9 Newcastle United	10	4	2	4	14	16	-2	14	W L D W L
10 Hull City	10	4	2	4	8	10	-2	14	W L L D W
11 West Bromwich ...	10	3	4	3	10	10	+0	13	W L D D W
12 Cardiff City	10	3	3	4	9	13	-4	12	W D L L W
13 Swansea City	10	3	2	5	12	12	+0	11	L D W L L
14 Aston Villa	10	3	2	5	9	12	-3	11	D L L D W
15 West Ham United	10	2	4	4	8	8	+0	10	D D L W L
16 Fulham	10	3	1	6	10	15	-5	10	L L W W L
17 Stoke City	10	2	3	5	7	11	-4	9	D L D L L
18 Norwich City	10	2	2	6	6	20	-14	8	L D L L W
19 Sunderland	10	1	1	8	7	22	-15	4	L W L L L
20 Crystal Palace	10	1	0	9	6	21	-15	3	L L L L L

Latest Results	Next Match
Newcastle U 2 - 0 Chelsea	Aston Villa v Cardiff City
Fulham 1 - 3 Man Utd	Chelsea v WBA
Hull City 1 - 0 Sunderland	Crystal Palace v Everton
Man City 7 - 0 Norwich City	Liverpool v Fulham
Stoke City 1 - 1 Southampton	Southampton v Hull City
WBA 2 - 0 Crystal Palace	Norwich City v West Ham
West Ham 0 - 0 Aston Villa	Tottenham v Newcastle Utd
Arsenal 2 - 0 Liverpool	Sunderland v Manchester City
Everton 0 - 0 Tottenham	Manchester United v Arsenal
Cardiff City 1 - 0 Swansea City	Swansea City v Stoke City

One To Watch This Weekend...

Manchester City's away form has been poor this season. Will it continue when they travel to the Stadium of Light to face Sunderland? The Black Cats look a new team under Gus Poyet, so maybe a shock result isn't too far off.

EPL Preview

Fans and haters of this wrap might be wondering why there is another preview on Arsenal this week. It's because it faces Manchester United in another Big-Six clash, so it deserves a bit of column space.

It's also because media pundits have jumped on board the Arsenal-championship-contenders bandwagon. It's 2-0 win over Liverpool last weekend showcased the Gunners' grit to win, but also the swagger in which it won, especially following its losses to Dortmund and Chelsea in previous weeks.

The Gunners were fluent in attack, and rock solid in the back, limiting the creative talents of Liverpool's "SAS" striker force of Luis Suarez and Daniel Sturridge and Brazilian playmaker Coutinho.

Arsene Wenger praised his side's performance after the game.

"It was important to respond to convince people that we can win these big games," said Wenger.

"To win it in a convincing way is even more important.

"We have plenty of big games coming up and we have the ability to deal well with them."

Those big games are coming thick and fast. On Wednesday morning, the Gunners travel to Dortmund in a crucial Champions League clash, before flying off to Old Trafford next Sunday.

The game might not have the allure of the old Wenger-Ferguson days, but it still packs a punch. David Moyes is slowly getting used to things are Manchester, and the Red Devils have picked up its form recently.

It might be playing to its swaggering best, but they are collecting points, and only are eight points behind Arsenal; an easy lead to make up this early in the season.

Since the 2-1 loss to West Bromwich at home, it's won five out of seven, drawing the other two. In the process, United are one win away from securing a Champions League quarterfinal place, as well as reaching the Capitol One Cup quarterfinals, where it faces off against Stoke City.

Perhaps the biggest change to Moyes' reign has been the impressive form of Wayne Rooney. The English international scored and set up another in United's 3-1 win of Fulham over the weekend.

Rumours of discontent between Sir Alex Ferguson and Rooney have been around for while, so the change of management has no doubt given the striker an extra incentive. It could be fact that Rooney is now United's main man again, playing every game – and striking up quite a partnership with Robin Van Persie.

Moyes praised his strike force, hailing them as one of the best in the Premier League.

"There were real signs of great combination play between them," he said.

"I think they both made a goal for each other. There was good link-up play and it was great they both got on the score sheet.

"That's what forwards do and I've always said you need them both to score a lot of goals to be successful. They're both incredibly talented and understand each other."

Moyes will be looking to Van Persie and Rooney to continue their form this against the firing Gunners. They have the small task of traveling to San Sebastian to play against Real Sociedad for the Champions League before though.

So too, do Arsenal, which means both sides will rotate some players around. But it will hard to see both sides' key players not playing in a game, which hopefully sparks like the days of old.

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Eddie Gray

Barcelona and Bayern Munich. The former has dominated the landscape of European football for many years – winning three Champions League titles between 2006 and 2011 – raising the standards demanded to reach the pinnacle of club football for all their competitors.

The latter stormed the Bundesliga in the 2012-13 season finishing 25 points above their nearest rivals. In the same campaign they also won the German cup and went on to clinch the Champions League in London, beating Borussia Dortmund, arguably matching or even surpassing their Spanish rivals in terms of footballing quality and sustainability.

Although AC Milan, Manchester United, Inter Milan and Chelsea have also claimed Europe's biggest club competition since 2006, not one of these teams have maintained an obvious level of dominance in Europe like Barcelona or, unlike Bayern, look likely to do so.

But what makes the Spanish and German clubs stand above the rest? Yes, they have excellent individuals, are incredibly well financed, possess two incredible youth systems and going forward are often unstoppable but there are others: Chelsea, Dortmund, Manchester United, Paris St Germain and Real Madrid who can match them in most of these areas. But the one similarity Bayern and Barcelona have that no other club can seem to emulate is their defensive press.

Both sides hound their opposition high up the field, relentlessly pressurising the ball all over the pitch and attempting to steal possession in dangerous positions. With their back lines pushed up high it enables the midfield and forwards to pressure opposing players in areas they are use to having time on the ball forcing them into errors from which a quick and dynamic transition can be made from defence to attack. This formula for success has proven pedigree but very few try and pull it off in the big matches, especially in the Premier League.

At the present moment in time the closest English football comes to operating this defensive technique is through Southampton. Mauricio Pochettino's men have taken on this style and have been fully rewarded for it. The Saints sit a hugely impressive sixth in the league table in only their second season in the top flight since promotion from the Championship. They are also currently second in the form table over the last six games, only behind high flying Arsenal. Something is definitely working.

However despite the Saints using this full press to good effect so many choose to neglect it. One reason for this may be down to the organisation required to master this technique. All 11 players in the side have to be fully committed to it if it's going to be a success. If one player fails to press at the time he is suppose too or cannot keep up the level of pressurising demanded for the full 90 minutes then it becomes a very dangerous strategy. A simple ball around the corner can suddenly remove five or six players from the game if the pressure is not applied correctly leaving the defensive side in a lot of trouble and often outnumbered.

Bayern Munich continue to dominate in fine style in the Bunmdesliga and UEFA Champions League competitions

With the tempo of the Premier League being much higher than most other top divisions in Europe the transition from defence to attack is far quicker and frequent which does not lend itself well to a full defensive press system if it falls short in quality. But if it's delivered well then the positive outcomes are there for all to see, with Southampton an obvious example of its benefits. It's very much a high risk high reward strategy.

Further down the English league ladder the challenges and threats of implicating the full press can be even more apparent than in the top divisions. Harry Wheeler, UEFA A licence holder and coach at non-league St Albans City, said: "For sides in non-league it's risky. If done well it's just as effective but on the basis that you train twice a week maximum the time to work on it and get it spot on is difficult without leaving exposed gaps in match play.

"The other problem you have is that if the whole team as a unit presses high then the centre backs become exposed to the ball over the top and the counter. The majority of centre backs at non-league level are very good in the air but are not so quick so it would always be a risk playing that tactic if the ball isn't won higher up."

He added: "Any centre half that is very good in the air and also very quick to cover rarely plays non-league and is normally found in the professional game. But if the central defenders decide to be the only ones who don't press and they sit because of the counter attack risk you will start leaving gaps and that then causes problems these days because the number ten position is so common."

Despite Wheeler's comments being directed at non-league football his thoughts give a potential insight into why Andre Villas Boas 'failed' at Chelsea and was sacked by Blues owner Roman Abramovich after less than a year.

The now Tottenham Hotspur boss tried to impose a high back line at his former employers with an emphasis being placed on a high tempo defensive press. This worked superbly well at Porto – playing a huge part in winning the Portuguese league title, Cup and Europa League in the same season – but at Chelsea it fell short due to the lack of pace at the heart of the defence. John Terry has never been the fastest of defenders and after being asked to play high up the pitch he and either David Luiz or Gary Cahill were found out in behind, exemplifying the issue with slow centre backs in a full defensive press and proving it is not just an exclusive problem of non-league clubs.

Barcelona and Bayern Munich have mastered the full defensive press and it is a significant reason why they stand as Europe's elite. But there are foundations at both these clubs, including the likes of Lionel Messi and Arjen Robben, which will convince many it is not a key reason for their success. But with Southampton suddenly shooting up the Premier League after implementing the tactic it may provoke many into acknowledging it's merits and adopting a technique which has proven success if adopted correctly.

English football take note.

Serie A

Luca Cetta

Cerci ends Roma streak

Former Roma youth player Alessio Cerci came back to haunt his former club as he netted the goal which ended Roma's winning start to the campaign.

As a prodigious talent in Roma's youth side, Alessio Cerci was known as "the [Thierry] Henry from Valmontone" due to his playing style. Then 15, Fabio Capello invited Cerci to a day training with the senior side. When informed by his Coach, Cerci thought it was a joke and didn't show. Capello forgave him for the misunderstanding, but it's the sort of incident which has been holding Cerci up for much of his career.

He made his first-team debut aged 16, but failed to establish himself in subsequent seasons, making just four Giallorossi appearances. Sent to Serie B to gain experience, a spell at Brescia was followed by a move to Pisa in 2007-08 which boosted Cerci. Under of the guidance of Giampiero Ventura he enjoyed a fine season as Pisa were very nearly promoted to Serie A. Injuries didn't help a top-flight stint at Atalanta, nor could Cerci establish himself in a second spell at Roma.

He was cut loose, sold to Fiorentina in 2010. Given a chance to finally realise his potential, the move did anything but. Cerci joined a team on the slide and was marked as a scapegoat for their issues. Stories of a cocky attitude didn't help. It got Cerci on the wrong side of Coach Sinisa Mihajlovic, then Delio Rossi. And he never endeared himself to the fans.

Cerci had all the tools to become a fine player, but never showed it consistently. His professionalism was questionable. He was said to love cars more than football. "There's been an extraordinary furore around me. Unmanageable Cerci. Arrogant Cerci. Cerci who only thinks about nice cars... So what? Many people like cars and I mean no harm," was the rebuff. He was raking up more parking tickets than goals, another criticism.

After a pre-season incident at a restaurant involving teammates and drinking – Cerci denies he was involved – the club deemed it time he moved on. Along came Torino, now coached by Ventura.

Like at Pisa, Cerci was instantly at ease under the veteran boss. As a winger in his dubbed 4-2-4 system, Cerci became a leader. He finally showed greater consistency. His first goal came, symbolically, at former club Fiorentina. Only striker Rolando Bianchi netted more times last season.

For Cerci it was redemption. He was finally being recognised for on-pitch exploits, not the supposed ones off it. His form was noticed by Cesare Prandelli. Cerci made his Italy debut last March, a friendly draw with Brazil. He's made six subsequent appearances, including at the Confederations Cup. Heading to Brazil 2014, Cerci is on Prandelli's radar. He may never have emulated Henry, but Cerci has taken his game to the next level at Torino.

Cerci does the trick for Torino against former club Roma

ITALY Serie A

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3 Juventus	11	9	1	1	23	10	+13	28	W W W L W
4 Internazionale	11	6	4	1	27	12	+15	22	W D W D L
5 Hellas Verona	11	7	1	3	22	17	+5	22	W W L W W
6 Fiorentina	11	6	3	2	22	13	+9	21	W L W W D
7 Lazio	11	4	3	4	15	15	+0	15	L D W L D
8 Genoa	11	4	2	5	11	14	-3	14	W W L W D
9 Atalanta	11	4	1	6	12	14	-2	13	L D L W W
10 Udinese	11	4	1	6	11	14	-3	13	L W L L W
11 Milan	11	3	3	5	17	19	-2	12	L D L W L
12 Torino	11	2	6	3	17	19	-2	12	D D L D D
13 Parma	11	3	3	5	16	19	-3	12	L L W L W
14 Livorno	11	3	3	5	13	16	-3	12	W D L L L
15 Cagliari	11	2	4	5	11	19	-8	10	L L L W L
16 Bologna	11	2	4	5	13	22	-9	10	D W W L L
17 Sampdoria	11	2	3	6	12	20	-8	9	L L W W D
18 Sassuolo	11	2	3	6	12	27	-15	9	W L D W L
19 Catania	11	1	3	7	7	19	-12	6	L L D L D
20 Chievo	11	1	2	8	7	18	-11	5	D L L L L

Latest Results	Next Match
Parma 0 - 1 Juventus	Catania v Udinese
Milan 0 - 2 Fiorentina	Internazionale v Livorno
Napoli 2 - 1 Catania	Genoa v Verona
Livorno 1 - 0 Atalanta	Atalanta v Bologna
Verona 2 - 1 Cagliari	Cagliari v Torino
Lazio 0 - 2 Genoa	Chievo v Milan
Sampdoria 3 - 4 Sassuolo	Parma v Lazio
Udinese 0 - 3 Inter	Roma v Sassuolo
Torino 1 - 1 Roma	Fiorentina v Sampdoria
Bologna 0 - 0 Chievo	Juventus v Napoli

One To Watch This Weekend...

The meeting of Juventus and Napoli takes on added significance given Roma's result. Neither side wants to give up ground to the Giallorossi, so expect this match between the rivals to be even more fiery than usual.

This term the Granata have been noted for their pulsating clashes. Goal-laden draws with Milan, Verona, Sampdoria, Inter and Livorno testament. In each, Toro would feel they could've won. They squandered two-goal leads versus Milan and Livorno. Verona twice equalised, while Samp pulled level in the last minute. Inter played 85 minutes with 10 men. It means they have just two wins to their name.

Visiting Roma were chasing history. A 10th successive win over Chievo midweek gave the Giallorossi the best ever start to a Serie A campaign - now they were eyeing Europe. Tottenham won 11 times in 1960-61. Victory at the Stadio Olimpico di Torino would emulate that. Having just played on Thursday and still without Francesco Totti and Gervinho, it looked to be going well for Roma when Kevin Strootman struck in the first half.

Approaching the hour, the visitors still led. Morgan De Sanctis was closing in on a club record 774-minute clean sheet record, held by Ivan Pelizzoli. He was 30 minutes from the mark when Riccardo Meggiorini robbed Mehdi Benatia of possession. The Moroccan claimed a foul. Meggiorini squared for Cerci, who flicked home from close range. It was his eighth goal of the season - equalling last season's mark – and leaving him just one behind Giuseppe Rossi at the top of the charts.

That's how it ended. Cerci halted Serie A's best ever start by the club who nurtured him. Roma boss Rudi Garcia maintained it was a valuable point, one which keeps his team three points clear of Napoli and Juventus, both of whom had won the day prior. Roma will aim to extend the gap this weekend when they face Sassuolo and Juve hosts the Partenopei.

Ventura was glad his Torino could be a part of history. "I am happy for the players, as this team has earned a lot less than it deserved to over the course of this season. Partly that was down to our lack of experience, but they needed to write this small page in the history books and stopped the team that had been considered 'unstoppable.'

As for Cerci, it was somehow fitting that he would end the streak. It was a small reminder to the Giallorossi of his capabilities.

And Torino President Urbano Cairo won't let go of his star man. "Cerci is a really important player and I'm keeping a tight grip on him... His valuation? Nobody has asked me for him lately and he's not for sale anyway."

Viva Espana

Pepe Lopez

Casillas Returns From Hiatus To Save Real

Controversially banished by club and country, former Spanish World Cup winning captain Iker Casillas returned as goalkeeper of Real Madrid in Turin, for the 4th round clash between his club and Italian Champions Juventus. In a man of the match performance, Iker Casillas repeatedly made extraordinary save after extraordinary save, to deny Juventus multiple goals, in what could have been a thrilling and memorable high scoring UEFA Champions League victory for the home team.

Italian Real Madrid Coach Carlo Ancelotti was full of praise for his goal keeper after the match;

"He played a very good game. He was decisive and made two great saves in the first half. For him it is easy to not play every game, but he is ready to do it and that means he's very professional. We reacted so well in the second half. I'm very happy about this: the courage and the attitude. In the first half we defended too deep, allowing space to Paul Pogba and Claudio Marchisio. After that, we changed and pressed more in the midfield. Ramos was in the starting XI to cover gaps. Because in Madrid, Juventus crossed too many balls in and Ramos is so good with the head. He played well, he is a great player but him at right-back is only temporary."

The draw leaves Real Madrid 6 points in front of its closest opponent, with a total of 10 points, ahead of Galatasary from Turkey and FC Copenhagen from Denmark who are both on 4 points, and Juventus bottom of the group with just 3 points.

Spanish compatriots Real Sociedad de Futbol earned their first UEFA Champions League point with a 0-0 home draw against English Champions Manchester United. Despite a typical soft penalty awarded to Manchester's Ashley Young, perhaps justice was served as Sociedad goalkeeper Claudio Bravo denied Robin Van Persie's spot kick.

Despite remaining bottom of the group, Sociedad players were proud of their result, Claudio Bravo had this to say after the game;

"We gave our all and overall we leave with a positive feeling. It is special playing Manchester United, you have got to be super concentrated in every single moment. While there is still a mathematical possibility of qualifying for the next round we will keep fighting to do just that."

It took a penalty by Juve's Vidale to beat Real keeper Casillas

SPAIN La Liga

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games (Most recent first)
1 Barcelona	12	11	1	0	34	7	+27	34	W W W D W
2 Atlético Madrid	12	11	0	1	30	8	+22	33	W W W L W
3 Real Madrid	12	9	1	2	30	16	+14	28	W W L W W
4 Villarreal	12	7	2	3	20	12	+8	23	W L W L W
5 Athletic Club	12	6	2	4	18	17	+1	20	L D W W D
6 Getafe	12	6	1	5	16	13	+3	19	L W L W W
7 Real Sociedad	12	4	5	3	18	12	+6	17	W D W W L
8 Levante	12	4	5	3	12	15	-3	17	L D W W L
9 Valencia	12	5	1	6	15	19	-4	16	W L L L D
10 Espanyol	12	4	3	5	12	15	-3	15	L D L W L
11 Granada	12	4	2	6	8	12	-4	14	W L W L L
12 Elche	12	3	4	5	12	16	-4	13	L D L W W
13 Sevilla	12	3	4	5	20	25	-5	13	L L W D W
14 Málaga	12	3	4	5	14	16	-2	13	W D L L L
15 Celta de Vigo	12	3	3	6	14	16	-2	12	W L W L L
16 Real Valladolid	12	2	5	5	14	18	-4	11	L D W D L
17 Osasuna	12	3	1	8	10	21	-11	10	L W L D W
18 Almería	12	2	3	7	14	24	-10	9	W W L L L
19 Real Betis	12	2	3	7	11	20	-9	9	L D L L L
20 Rayo Vallecano	12	3	0	9	10	30	-20	9	L L L W W

Latest Results	Next Match
Barcelona 1 - 0 Espanyol	Real Madrid v Real Sociedad
Real Sociedad 5 - 0 Osasuna	Getafe v Elche
Almería 1 - 0 Real Valladolid	Athletic Club v Levante
R Vallecano 2 - 3 Real Madrid	CeltaVigo v R Vallecano
Sevilla 0 - 1 Celta de Vigo	Espanyol v Sevilla
Getafe 0 - 1 Valencia	Valencia v Real Valladolid
Atl Madrid 2 - 0 Athletic Club	Villarreal v Atl Madrid
Levante 0 - 1 Granada	Real Betis v Barcelona
Málaga 3 - 2 Real Betis	
Elche 0 - 1 Villarreal	

One To Watch This Weekend...

Spanish Champions League representatives Real Madrid and Real Sociedad take on each other at the Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday morning Melbourne time, in La Liga. Fox Sports have recently signed a deal to broadcast live La Liga in Australia for the next 2 seasons.

Spain's other Champions League competitors Barcelona CF and Atletico Madrid take on AC Milan and Rapid Vienna respectively at their home grounds, in the 2nd day of Champions League Match Day 4 Group Stage. Respectively, both teams will qualify for the round of 16 if they win their 4th round matches.

Meanwhile, in matters regarding the Spanish National Team, leading Spanish La Liga goal scorer and Atletico Madrid striker, Diego Costa, has turned his back on the country of his origin, Brazil, and offered his services to Spanish Coach Vicente Del Bosque. Costa is a Spanish citizen and recently applied to FIFA to gain clearance from Brazil, who he represented only in 2 non-competitive friendly matches.

The actions sparked anger from Brazil's national coach Filipe Luis Scolari;

"A Brazilian player who refuses to wear the shirt of the Brazilian national team and compete in a World Cup in your country is automatically withdrawn. He is turning his back on a dream of millions, to represent our national team, the five-time champions in a World Cup in Brazil." The player himself did not see as turning his back on his country, but rather acknowledging the assistance he has received in his career from his new homeland;

"Though I was born in Brazil, Spain has given me everything. I've made my decision. There are just some formalities to complete now. I've been very relaxed at home with my family and daughter. I always try to stay out of these matters. I don't like to get involved or listen to hearsay. I need to train hard and things will turn out just fine."

Spain are scheduled to travel to Africa to play friendlies against Angola and South Africa during the upcoming international window in November, before an interesting home friendly against their Euro 2012 final opponents Italy in March 2014.

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CROATIA 1.HNL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Dinamo Zagreb	15	10	3	2	25	9	+16	33	W W L W D
2 Hajduk Split	15	9	4	2	27	12	+15	31	D W W D D
3 Rijeka	15	8	5	2	26	11	+15	29	L W W L D
4 Lokomotiva	15	8	2	5	25	20	+5	26	L L W L W
5 Split	15	7	4	4	16	13	+3	25	W W W D L
6 Istra 1961	15	5	4	6	18	21	-3	19	D D L W W
7 Zadar	15	4	3	8	12	22	-10	15	W L L D D
8 Slaven Koprivnica	15	3	5	7	19	22	-3	14	D D W W D
9 Osijek	15	2	2	11	10	34	-24	8	D L L D L
10 Hrvatski Drago…	15	1	4	10	10	24	-14	7	L L L L D

SCOTLAND SPL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Celtic	11	8	3	0	23	10	+13	27	D W D W W
2 Aberdeen	12	7	2	3	18	8	+10	23	W W W L D
3 Inverness CT	11	7	1	3	18	11	+7	22	W L L W L
4 Motherwell	12	7	1	4	14	14	+0	22	W L W L W
5 St. Johnstone	12	5	3	4	19	13	+6	18	W W L W D
6 Dundee United	12	4	5	3	17	9	+8	17	D W L W D
7 Hibernian	12	4	3	5	9	12	-3	15	L L D W L
8 Partick Thistle	12	3	4	5	11	17	-6	13	L L W L D
9 Ross County	10	3	1	6	11	19	-8	10	L W L W L
10 Kilmarnock	12	2	3	7	13	18	-5	9	L W W L L
11 St. Mirren	10	2	2	6	9	20	-11	8	L W W D L
12 Heart of Midlo…	12	2	2	8	7	18	-11	-7	L L L L D

SERBIA Super Liga

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Partizan	11	6	3	2	21	10	+11	21	L D W D L
2 Crvena Zvezda	11	6	2	3	21	12	+9	20	W D W L W
3 Vojvodina	11	5	5	1	14	9	+5	20	D W L W D
4 Radnički Niš	11	4	6	1	13	7	+6	18	W D D D D
5 Jagodina	11	5	3	3	12	9	+3	18	W W L D W
6 Čukarički	11	5	3	3	12	10	+2	18	L L D W L
7 Novi Pazar	11	5	2	4	13	13	+0	17	W W L D L
8 Spartak Subotica	11	5	2	4	11	14	-3	17	W D W W L
9 Napredak	11	3	4	4	14	13	+1	13	L D D D W
10 Voždovac	11	3	4	4	10	12	-2	13	L W L D L
11 OFK Beograd	11	4	1	6	12	16	-4	13	W L L D W
12 Javor Ivanjica	11	3	3	5	11	15	-4	12	L W L D D
13 Radnički Kragu…	11	3	3	5	12	18	-6	12	D D W D L
14 Sloboda Užice	11	2	4	5	8	13	-5	10	L L W D W
15 Rad Beograd	11	3	1	7	6	13	-7	10	W L W L L
16 Donji Srem	11	1	4	6	9	15	-6	7	L L D L W

GERMANY Bundesliga

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Bayern München	11	9	2	0	24	7	+17	29	W W W D W
2 Borussia Dortmund	11	9	1	1	31	9	+22	28	W W W L W
3 Bayer Leverkusen	11	8	1	2	22	11	+11	25	L W W D W
4 Borussia M'gla…	11	6	1	4	25	15	+10	19	W W L W D
5 Wolfsburg	11	6	0	5	16	13	+3	18	W W W L L
6 Schalke 04	11	5	2	4	20	22	-2	17	W L W W D
7 Hertha BSC	11	4	3	4	17	14	+3	15	L L W D W
8 Werder Bremen	11	4	3	4	12	17	-5	15	W L D D D
9 Hoffenheim	11	3	4	4	26	25	+1	13	L W L D D
10 Stuttgart	11	3	4	4	21	20	+1	13	L D D D W
11 Hannover 96	11	4	1	6	14	19	-5	13	L L L D L
12 Mainz 05	11	4	1	6	16	23	-7	13	L W L D L
13 Augsburg	11	4	1	6	13	20	-7	13	W L L L D
14 Hamburger SV	11	3	3	5	23	24	-1	12	L W D W D
15 Eintracht Fran…	11	2	4	5	14	20	-6	10	L L D D D
16 Freiburg	11	1	5	5	12	21	-9	8	W L D D L
17 Nürnberg	11	0	7	4	11	22	-11	7	L D D L D
18 Eintracht Brau…	11	2	1	8	8	23	-15	7	W L L W L

HOLLAND Eredivisie

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 AZ	12	7	1	4	21	17	+4	22	W W W L W
2 Vitesse	12	6	3	3	22	17	+5	21	W D W L L
3 Twente	12	5	5	2	27	11	+16	20	D L D W W
4 Feyenoord	12	6	2	4	25	19	+6	20	W L D W W
5 PSV	12	5	4	3	23	12	+11	19	D L L W L
6 Ajax	12	5	4	3	23	15	+8	19	L D D W W
7 PEC Zwolle	12	5	4	3	21	13	+8	19	D L W D D
8 Groningen	12	5	4	3	25	25	+0	19	D D W W L
9 Roda JC	12	4	5	3	21	24	-3	17	D W W D D
10 Heerenveen	11	4	3	4	24	23	+1	15	L L L W D
11 NAC Breda	12	4	3	5	20	17	+3	15	L W L W D
12 Utrecht	12	4	3	5	16	23	-7	15	W L W L D
13 Heracles	11	4	2	5	16	19	-3	14	W D L W L
14 Go Ahead Eagles	11	3	4	4	16	28	-12	13	L D W L D
15 Cambuur	12	3	3	6	11	14	-3	12	L W L L L
16 ADO Den Haag	11	3	1	7	14	27	-13	10	L W L W L
17 RKC Waalwijk	12	2	3	7	16	24	-8	9	W D L L L
18 NEC	12	1	6	5	19	32	-13	9	D W D L L

TURKEY Süper Lig

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Fenerbahçe	10	8	1	1	24	11	+13	25	W W W D W
2 Kasımpaşa	10	7	0	3	22	13	+9	21	W W W W L
3 Sivasspor	10	6	1	3	20	12	+8	19	W W D W W
4 Galatasaray	10	5	4	1	17	10	+7	19	W W W L D
5 Beşiktaş	10	5	3	2	15	10	+5	18	D D D W L
6 Trabzonspor	10	5	2	3	12	9	+3	17	W L D D W
7 Eskişehirspor	10	5	1	4	14	9	+5	16	L W W L W
8 Akhisar Beledi…	10	4	3	3	13	10	+3	15	D D L W D
9 Rizespor	10	4	3	3	14	13	+1	15	D L D L D
10 Bursaspor	10	4	2	4	10	12	-2	14	L W W W D
11 Antalyaspor	10	3	5	2	11	9	+2	14	D D W W W
12 Karabükspor	10	2	4	4	7	10	-3	10	D D L L L
13 Konyaspor	10	3	1	6	10	16	-6	10	L L D W L
14 Gençlerbirliği	10	3	1	6	9	11	-2	10	W W L L L
15 Gaziantepspor	10	2	2	6	11	21	-10	8	L L D W W
16 Elazığspor	10	2	1	7	11	26	-15	7	L L L L L
17 Kayserispor	10	1	3	6	9	18	-9	6	D L L L D

THE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Burnley	14	10	3	1	26	9	+17	33	D W W W W
2 Leicester City	14	10	2	2	24	13	+11	32	W W W L W
3 Queens Park Ra…	14	9	4	1	16	7	+9	31	W D L D W
4 Blackpool	14	7	6	1	17	11	+6	27	W D W D D
5 Reading	14	6	5	3	22	17	+5	23	L D W L D
6 Nottingham Forest	14	6	5	3	21	16	+5	23	L L D W D
7 Watford	14	6	4	4	25	18	+7	22	L D L W L
8 Leeds United	14	6	2	6	18	16	+2	20	W L W L W
9 Blackburn Rovers	14	5	4	5	20	16	+4	19	W D L L W
10 Wigan Athletic	13	5	4	4	16	12	+4	19	W D D L W
11 Derby County	14	5	4	5	26	23	+3	19	L D W W D
12 Brighton & Hov…	14	4	6	4	15	14	+1	18	W D D L D
13 Ipswich Town	14	4	5	5	20	18	+2	17	D D L D D
14 Huddersfield Town	14	4	5	5	18	16	+2	17	L W L L D
15 AFC Bournemouth	14	5	2	7	20	29	-9	17	L L D W L
16 Middlesbrough	14	3	6	5	23	22	+1	15	L W L W D
17 Charlton Athletic	13	3	5	5	10	14	-4	14	W D W D D
18 Millwall	14	3	5	6	17	28	-11	14	D D D L L
19 Bolton Wanderers	14	2	7	5	13	20	-7	13	W D D W D
20 Doncaster Rovers	13	3	3	7	12	23	-11	12	L L L W L
21 Sheffield Wedn…	13	1	8	4	17	20	-3	11	W D D D D
22 Birmingham City	14	3	2	9	14	21	-7	11	L D L L W
23 Barnsley	14	2	4	8	16	31	-15	10	D D W L D
24 Yeovil Town	14	2	3	9	9	21	-12	9	L W D L L

LEAGUE ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Leyton Orient	15	12	2	1	36	12	+24	38	W W L W W
2 Wolverhampton …	15	11	3	1	29	10	+19	36	D W W W D
3 Peterborough U…	15	10	2	3	25	12	+13	32	L L D W W
4 Preston North End	15	7	6	2	23	16	+7	27	D W D W L
5 Brentford	15	8	3	4	20	17	+3	27	W W W W L
6 Bradford City	15	6	5	4	24	14	+10	23	D L D L L
7 Swindon Town	15	7	2	6	29	20	+9	23	W L L W W
8 Milton Keynes Dons	15	6	4	5	24	20	+4	22	W L L W L
9 Walsall	15	6	4	5	17	15	+2	22	L L W W D
10 Rotherham United	15	5	6	4	21	22	-1	21	D L D L L
11 Coventry City	15	9	3	3	34	22	+12	20	W W W D W
12 Port Vale	15	6	2	7	21	24	-3	20	L W W L L
13 Crawley Town	15	5	4	6	18	22	-4	19	L L L L W
14 Colchester United	15	3	8	4	15	20	-5	17	D W D L D
15 Shrewsbury Town	15	3	7	5	15	16	-1	16	W L D L W
16 Carlisle United	15	4	4	7	15	27	-12	16	D L L W L
17 Oldham Athletic	15	4	3	8	19	23	-4	15	D L W L W
18 Gillingham	15	4	3	8	18	24	-6	15	W L W L L
19 Stevenage	15	4	2	9	15	23	-8	14	L W W L W
20 Bristol City	15	2	7	6	23	27	-4	13	W D W L L
21 Tranmere Rovers	15	3	4	8	15	29	-14	13	D W D L W
22 Crewe Alexandra	15	3	4	8	12	31	-19	13	D L L W W
23 Sheffield United	15	3	3	9	13	23	-10	12	L W D W L
24 Notts County	15	3	1	11	17	29	-12	10	L W L L L

LEAGUE TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Fleetwood Town	15	9	1	5	26	16	+10	28	W W L L D
2 Oxford United	15	7	5	3	23	13	+10	26	L W D D W
3 Chesterfield	15	7	5	3	21	14	+7	26	D D D L D
4 Rochdale	15	8	2	5	23	19	+4	26	L L W W W
5 Morecambe	15	7	4	4	22	20	+2	25	W L L D W
6 Exeter City	15	7	3	5	20	17	+3	24	L L D W L
7 Burton Albion	15	7	3	5	20	18	+2	24	L W W W L
8 Scunthorpe United	15	6	6	3	17	17	+0	24	D L W W L
9 Southend United	15	7	2	6	18	14	+4	23	W L L W W
10 Newport County	15	6	5	4	22	19	+3	23	L W D W L
11 Dagenham & Red	15	6	5	4	22	20	+2	23	L W W D L
12 Wycombe W	14	6	3	5	20	17	+3	21	D L W W L
13 Hartlepool United	15	6	3	6	19	17	+2	21	W L W W W
14 Mansfield Town	15	5	6	4	15	15	+0	21	L L D D D
15 AFC Wimbledon	15	6	3	6	17	19	-2	21	W L L D D
16 Portsmouth	14	5	5	4	23	22	+1	20	W D W D W
17 Plymouth Argyle	15	5	3	7	10	15	-5	18	W W D L D
18 Cheltenham Town	15	4	5	6	21	27	-6	17	D D W L W
19 York City	15	4	4	7	21	24	-3	16	D W L D L
20 Bristol Rovers	15	3	5	7	12	18	-6	14	W D L L D
21 Torquay United	15	3	5	7	17	25	-8	14	W D L D L
22 Bury	15	3	4	8	16	20	-4	13	L W D L L
23 Accrington Stanley	15	2	5	8	12	22	-10	11	D W W D D
24 Northampton Town	15	2	4	9	13	22	-9	10	L D L D L

Greece Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Olympiakos Piraeus	10	9	1	0	30	3	+27	28	W W W W W
2 PAOK	10	8	1	1	20	7	+13	25	W W W W D
3 Atromitos	10	5	3	2	16	8	+8	18	D W W D W
4 Panthrakikos	10	3	5	2	11	12	-1	14	D L W D D
5 Asteras Tripolis	10	3	5	2	15	12	+3	14	D W L D L
6 Panathinaikos	10	4	2	4	11	11	+0	14	L W L L W
7 Panaitolikos	10	3	5	2	11	6	+5	14	D W D W D
8 PAS Giannina	10	4	2	4	11	11	+0	14	W D L L W
9 Ergotelis	10	3	5	2	11	9	+2	14	L L D W W
10 Xanthi	10	4	1	5	12	16	-4	13	L L W W L
11 Kalloni	10	4	0	6	10	17	-7	12	W L L L L
12 Panionios	10	3	3	4	12	14	-2	12	L W W L L
13 Levadiakos	10	3	2	5	9	19	-10	11	W L L W L
14 OFI	10	1	6	3	7	12	-5	9	W L D D D
15 Platanias	10	1	5	4	9	15	-6	8	L W L L D
16 Aris	10	2	2	6	6	14	-8	8	L L W W D
17 Apollon Smirnis	10	2	2	6	11	18	-7	8	D L D L W
18 Veria	10	1	4	5	8	16	-8	7	D D L L L

France Ligue 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 PSG	12	8	4	0	24	7	+17	28	W D W W W
2 Lille	12	8	2	2	15	4	+11	26	W W W W D
3 Monaco	12	7	4	1	20	10	+10	25	L W D W D
4 Nantes	12	6	2	4	16	10	+6	20	D L W W W
5 Olympique Mars…	12	5	3	4	16	12	+4	18	D L L L W
6 Reims	12	4	6	2	15	12	+3	18	W W L D D
7 Saint-Étienne	12	5	3	4	17	15	+2	18	D D W L D
8 Rennes	12	4	5	3	16	12	+4	17	D W D L L
9 Bordeaux	12	4	5	3	16	14	+2	17	W W D W D
10 Guingamp	12	5	2	5	16	14	+2	17	L W W W L
11 Nice	12	5	2	5	13	13	+0	17	L L W L W
12 Olympique Lyon	12	4	3	5	17	15	+2	15	W L D L D
13 Bastia	12	4	3	5	14	19	-5	15	L W L W D
14 Evian TG	12	4	3	5	14	20	-6	15	W W L L D
15 Toulouse	12	4	3	5	10	18	-8	15	L L W W L
16 Montpellier	12	2	7	3	15	16	-1	13	D L L W D
17 Lorient	12	3	1	8	11	23	-12	10	L W L L L
18 Valenciennes	12	2	2	8	10	19	-9	8	W L D D L
19 Ajaccio	12	1	4	7	8	18	-10	7	L L L L D
20 Sochaux	12	1	4	7	10	22	-12	7	D L D L W

Portugal Premeira Liga

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Porto	9	7	2	0	19	6	+13	23	D W W W D
2 Sporting CP	9	6	2	1	23	9	+14	20	W L W W D
3 Benfica	9	6	2	1	16	7	+9	20	W W W D W
4 Gil Vicente	9	5	2	2	11	8	+3	17	W W W D D
5 Nacional	9	4	2	3	12	9	+3	14	D L W W W
6 Estoril	9	4	2	3	16	14	+2	14	L W L W D
7 Rio Ave	9	4	1	4	8	7	+1	13	W L W L D
8 Vitória Guimarães	9	4	1	4	9	9	+0	13	L W W L L
9 Sporting Braga	9	4	0	5	9	11	-2	12	L L L L W
10 Belenenses	9	2	3	4	9	12	-3	9	D D W D W
11 Vitória Setúbal	9	2	3	4	12	17	-5	9	W D L D D
12 Olhanense	9	2	3	4	5	10	-5	9	D W L L D
13 Arouca	9	2	2	5	5	12	-7	8	D L L D L
14 Académica	9	2	2	5	4	13	-9	8	L W L D L
15 Marítimo	9	2	1	6	13	19	-6	7	L L L L L
16 Paços de Ferreira	9	1	2	6	8	16	-8	5	D L L W D

European Results

THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Ipswich Town 1 - 1 Barnsley
Watford 0 - 3 Leicester City
Birmingham City 0 - 1 Charlton Athletic
Doncaster Rovers 1 - 3 Brighton & Hov…
Sheffield Wedn… 5 - 2 Reading
Blackburn Rovers 1 - 0 Middlesbrough
Queens Park Ra… 2 - 1 Derby County
Leeds United 2 - 0 Yeovil Town
AFC Bournemouth 0 - 2 Bolton Wanderers
Wigan Athletic 2 - 1 Huddersfield Town
Millwall 2 - 2 Burnley
Nottingham Forest 0 - 1 Blackpool

ENGLISH LEAGUE ONE

Crawley Town 0 - 1 Brentford
Shrewsbury Town 2 - 0 Sheffield United
Gillingham 1 - 0 Carlisle United
Preston North End 1 - 1 Tranmere Rovers
Swindon Town 5 - 2 Port Vale
Peterborough U… 1 - 3 Leyton Orient
Crewe Alexandra 0 - 0 Bradford City
Milton Keynes Dons 1 - 0 Walsall
Wolverhampton … 2 - 0 Stevenage
Coventry City 3 - 0 Notts County
Bristol City 1 - 1 Oldham Athletic
Rotherham United 2 - 2 Colchester United
Carlisle United 2-2 Wolverhampton …
Bristol City 2-0 Crawley Town

ENGLISH LEAGUE TWO

Southend United 3 - 0 Mansfield Town
Fleetwood Town 4 - 1 Newport County
Oxford United 0 - 1 Bristol Rovers
Rochdale 1 - 2 AFC Wimbledon
Accrington Stanley 1 - 1 Wycombe Wanderers
Burton Albion 0 - 1 Morecambe
Bury 1 - 3 Torquay United
Cheltenham Town 2 - 2 York City
Chesterfield 1 - 1 Scunthorpe United
Portsmouth 3 - 2 Exeter City
Hartlepool United 2 - 1 Dagenham & Red
Plymouth Argyle 1 - 0 Northampton Town

CROATIA

Lokomotiva 0 - 3 Dinamo Zagreb
Istra 1961 1 - 1 Osijek
Slaven Koprivnica 3 - 3 Hajduk Split
Split 1 - 0 Rijeka
Hrvatski Drago… 0 - 2 Zadar

FRANCE

PSG 4 - 0 Lorient
Rennes 1 - 1 Olympique Mars…
Ajaccio 1 - 3 Valenciennes
Evian TG 2 - 1 Toulouse
Olympique Lyonnais 2 - 0 Guingamp
Reims 4 - 2 Bastia
Sochaux 0 - 0 Saint-Étienne
Nice 1 - 2 Bordeaux
Montpellier 1 - 1 Nantes
Lille 2 - 0 Monaco

GERMANY

Borussia Dortmund 6 - 1 Stuttgart
Nürnberg 0 - 3 Freiburg
Hoffenheim 1 - 2 Bayern München
Hamburger SV 0 - 2 Borussia M'gla…
Eintracht Brau… 1 - 0 Bayer Leverkusen
Hertha BSC 0 - 2 Schalke 04
Eintracht Fran… 1 - 2 Wolfsburg
Augsburg 2 - 1 Mainz 05
Werder Bremen 3 - 2 Hannover 96

GREECE

PAS Giannina 1 - 0 Platanias
PAOK 2 - 1 Ergotelis
Panathinaikos 0 - 1 Olympiakos Piraeus
Kalloni 3 - 2 Panionios
Panthrakikos 1 - 1 Asteras Tripolis
Levadiakos 2 - 0 Xanthi
Apollon Smirnis 0 - 0 Veria
OFI 2 - 0 Aris
Atromitos 1 - 1 Panaitolikos

HOLLAND

Vitesse 2 - 2 Groningen
RKC Waalwijk 3 - 0 NAC Breda
Ajax 0 - 1 Vitesse
AZ 2 - 0 ADO Den Haag
Twente 2 - 2 NEC
PSV 1 - 1 PEC Zwolle
Groningen 3 - 3 Roda JC
Cambuur 0 - 2 Feyenoord
Utrecht 2 - 0 Heerenveen

PORTUGAL

Belenenses 1 - 1 Porto
Sporting CP 3 - 2 Marítimo
Arouca 0 - 0 Paços de Ferreirao
Nacional 0 - 0 Olhanense
Estoril 0 - 2 Vitória Setúbal
Gil Vicente 1 - 0 Vitória Guimarães
Sporting Braga 0 - 1 Rio Ave

SCOTLAND

Heart of Midlo… 0 - 2 St. Johnstone
Inverness CT 2 - 1 Kilmarnock fo
St. Mirren SUSP Ross County
Motherwell 1 - 0 Hibernian
Aberdeen 4 - 0 Partick Thistle

SERBIA

Javor Ivanjica 1 - 3 OFK Beograd
Napredak 0 - 1 Rad Beograd
Donji Srem 0 - 1 Radnički Niš
Vojvodina 2 - 2 Radnički Kragu…
Crvena Zvezda 1 - 0 Partizan
Spartak Subotica 3 - 0 Čukarički
Voždovac 0 - 1 Novi Pazar
Jagodina 2 - 0 Sloboda Užice

TURKEY

Galatasaray 2 - 1 Konyaspor
Bursaspor 2 - 3 Fenerbahçe
Kayseri Erciye… 0 - 3 Kasımpaşa
Trabzonspor 4 - 0 Elazığspor
Beşiktaş 0 - 0 Karabükspor
Rizespor 0 - 0 Akhisar Beledi…
Gençlerbirliği 2 - 0 Eskişehirspor
Gaziantepspor 0 - 4 Sivasspor
Antalyaspor 2 - 2 Kayserispor

One Game At A Time

France

Monaco v Evian TG
PSG v Nice
Bastia v Rennes
Guingamp v Lille
Lorient v Reims
Toulouse v Ajaccio
Valenciennes v Montpellier
Bordeaux v Nantes
Olympique Mars… v Sochaux
Saint-Étienne v Olympique Lyonnais

Germany

Hannover 96 v Eintracht Brau…
Bayern München v Augsburg
Schalke 04 v Werder Bremen
Bayer Leverkusen v Hamburger SV
Wolfsburg v Borussia Dortmund
Hoffenheim v Hertha BSC
Borussia M'gla… v Nürnberg
Mainz 05 v Eintracht Fran…
Freiburg v Stuttgart

Croatia

Zadar v Lokomotiva
Osijek v Split
Hajduk Split v Istra 1961
Dinamo Zagreb v Slaven Koprivnica
Rijeka v Hrvatski Drago…

Serbia

Radnički Kragu… v Čukarički
Novi Pazar v Spartak Subotica
Radnički Niš v Voždovac
Partizan v Donji Srem
Rad Beograd v Crvena Zvezda
Sloboda Užice v Napredak
OFK Beograd v Jagodina
Vojvodina v Javor Ivanjica

English Championship

Reading v Queens Park Ra…
Leicester City v Nottingham Forest
Middlesbrough v Watford
Derby County v Sheffield Wedn…
Huddersfield Town v Birmingham City
Brighton & Hov… v Blackburn Rovers
Charlton Athletic v Leeds United
Blackpool v Ipswich Town
Burnley v AFC Bournemouth
Barnsley v Doncaster Rovers
Bolton Wanderers v Millwall
Yeovil Town v Wigan Athletic

English League One

Carlisle United v Crawley Town
Port Vale v Shrewsbury Town
Sheffield United v Gillingham
Colchester United v Swindon Town
Leyton Orient v Preston North End
Tranmere Rovers v Bristol City
Brentford v Crewe Alexandra
Oldham Athletic v Milton Keynes Dons
Stevenage v Rotherham United
Notts County v Wolverhampton …
Bradford City v Coventry City
Walsall v Peterborough U…

English League Two

Newport County v Hartlepool United
Northampton Town v Fleetwood Town
Mansfield Town v Oxford United
Scunthorpe United v Accrington Stanley
Bristol Rovers v Bury
AFC Wimbledon v Portsmouth
York City v Plymouth Argyle
Exeter City v Southend United
Morecambe v Rochdale
Torquay United v Chesterfield
Wycombe Wanderers v Cheltenham Town
Dagenham & Red… v Burton Albion

Scotland

Ross County v Celtic
Aberdeen v Heart of Midlo…
Hibernian v Inverness CT
Motherwell v Dundee United
Partick Thistle v St. Mirren
St. Johnstone v Kilmarnock

Greece

Platanias v Apollon Smirnis
PAS Giannina v OFI
Aris v Panathinaikos
Panionios v Atromitos
Ergotelis v Panthrakikos
Panaitolikos v Levadiakos
Veria v Kalloni
Olympiakos Piraeus v PAOK
Asteras Tripolis v Xanthi

Turkey

Elazığspor v Kayseri Erciye…
Eskişehirspor v Akhisar Beledi…
Kasımpaşa v Gaziantepspor
Kayserispor v Beşiktaş
Sivasspor v Bursaspor
Karabükspor v Rizespor
Konyaspor v Antalyaspor
Gençlerbirliği v Trabzonspor
Fenerbahçe v Galatasaray

Holland

Heerenveen v RKC Waalwijk
Roda JC v Go Ahead Eagles
Heracles v Groningen
Vitesse v Utrecht
ADO Den Haag v Cambuur
PEC Zwolle v Twente
NAC Breda v PSV
NEC v Ajax
Feyenoord v AZ

Portugal

Benfica v Sporting Braga
Porto v Nacional
Rio Ave v Estoril
Vitória Setúbal v Arouca
Marítimo v Gil Vicente
Paços de Ferreira v Belenenses
Vitória Guimarães v Sporting CP
Olhanense v Académica

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